

Federal Communications Commission and Congress are looking for competitive ways to distribute limited federal funds and resources. Here's what you need to know about the kinds of auctions the FCC will be using in the near future. [Read more »](#)

FCC's Pai Responds To Sinclair Favoritism Questions

In response to questions from lawmakers about his connection to Sinclair Broadcast Group, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai responded by defending previous meetings with the media behemoth's executives and clarifying a proposed rulemaking that would grow the company's empire. [Read more »](#)

FTC's McSweeney Makes Urgent Call For New Data Regs

The Federal Trade Commission's Terrell McSweeney warned Thursday that the agency's century-old enforcement tools aren't enough to handle the brave new world of internet-connected heart monitors, insulin pumps and other products posing data risks, calling for new regulations to lay out strict cybersecurity standards. [Read more »](#)

Sens. Ask FCC To Open Comment On New Net Neutrality Docs

A coalition of nine Democratic senators asked the Federal Communications Commission on Thursday to permit members of the public to comment on almost 50,000 newly released documents relating to the agency's net neutrality proceedings, arguing that it is obligated to take stakeholder input into consideration. [Read more »](#)

FCC's Wireless Report Is Misleading, Media Org. Charges

A forthcoming Federal Communications Commission report on investment in the wireless industry is effectively a setup for an anticipated push by the agency to roll back net

neutrality rules, media advocacy group Free Press charged in a letter to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai this week. [Read more »](#)

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Miller & Chevalier Adds Ex-DOJ National Security Counsel

Miller & Chevalier Chtd. has nabbed a former national security counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., bolstering its international practice with his background in export controls and economic sanctions, foreign direct investment and cybersecurity. [Read more »](#)

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The Brexit Threat To US-UK Aviation

Aviation between the U.S. and U.K. is currently governed by an EU-wide agreement. But the U.K. will not be covered by this agreement once it leaves the bloc — and yet while it is still an EU member, cannot negotiate a new agreement either, say attorneys with Bond Dickinson LLP and Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP. [Read more »](#)

The Role Legal Finance Can Play In Firm Year-End Collections

Payment collection delays have caused law firms to seek new options, one of which is litigation finance. In this context, litigation finance can offer alternative avenues to firms as they approach the end of a fiscal year or partnership distribution dates, says Travis Lenkner of Burford Capital LLC. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

PricewaterhouseCoopers Opens DC Legal Services Office

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Chadbourn & Parke, Female Partners Fight Over Discovery

Chadbourn & Parke LLP and the female attorneys accusing the firm of gender discrimination clashed in New York federal court Wednesday over whether Chadbourn should turn over more documents about partner complaints, compensation and the firm's management. [Read more »](#)

Preet Bharara Joins CNN, Dishes On Firing In New Podcast

Former Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara is joining CNN as a contributor, the cable news network said Thursday, one day after the former prosecutor for the first time described in detail his March firing by President Donald Trump. [Read more »](#)

Legal Tech Download: Atrium And An Equifax-Suing Chatbot

The world of legal technology is quickly evolving, with new products aimed at aiding lawyers coming to market in rapid succession. Here, Law360 takes a look at six recent major developments in legal tech. [Read more »](#)

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Anderson Kill PC tops this week's legal lions list with an appeals court win for TransCanada Energy finding its insurers owe the company nearly \$58 million in coverage, while Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP ended up on the legal lambs list after the Second Circuit axed a win it secured for Johnson & Johnson in an advertising feud with Pfizer. [Read more »](#)

Global 20: Dechert

In the past year, Dechert has provided Brexit-related advice across a spectrum of practice areas, guided WhiteWave Foods through competition issues pertaining to its acquisition

by Danone and defended Ecuador against arbitration brought by a ConocoPhillips subsidiary, again earning it a spot on Law360's Global 20 list. [Read more »](#)

Q&A

My Mentor And I: Homer Deakins Recalls Frank Ogletree

When we started our firm 40 years ago, Frank Ogletree was "the only adult in the room." He was the only one in our group of 16 lawyers who had the maturity and business acumen to start and run a law firm. We described him as a benevolent dictator, which is what we needed at the start, says Homer Deakins of Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC [Read more »](#)

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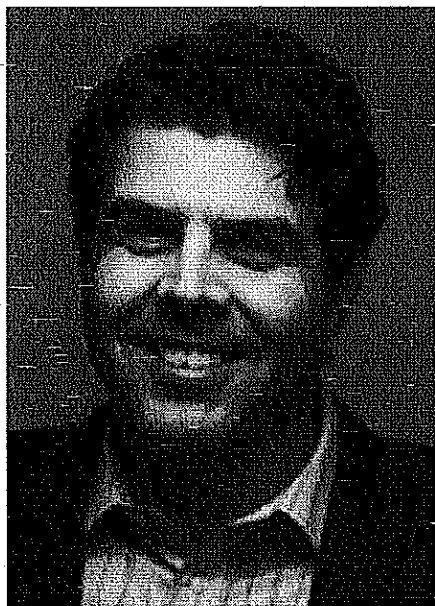
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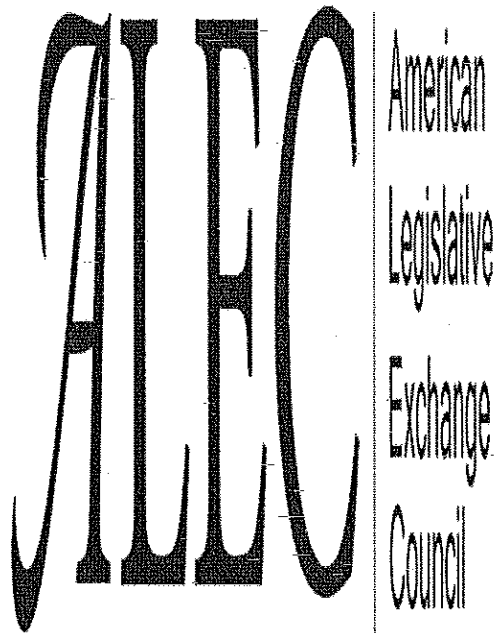
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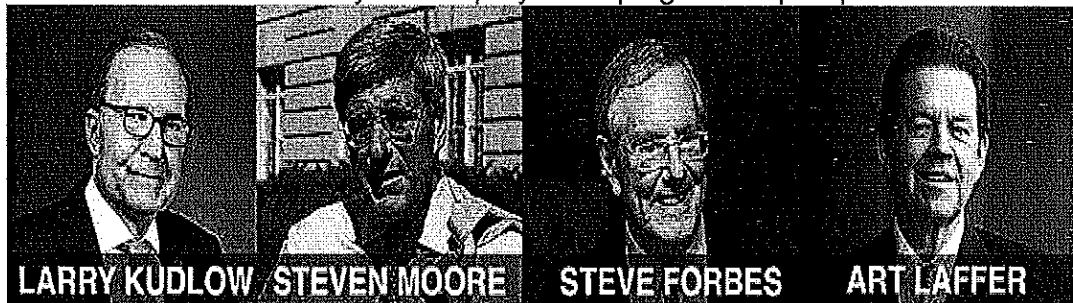


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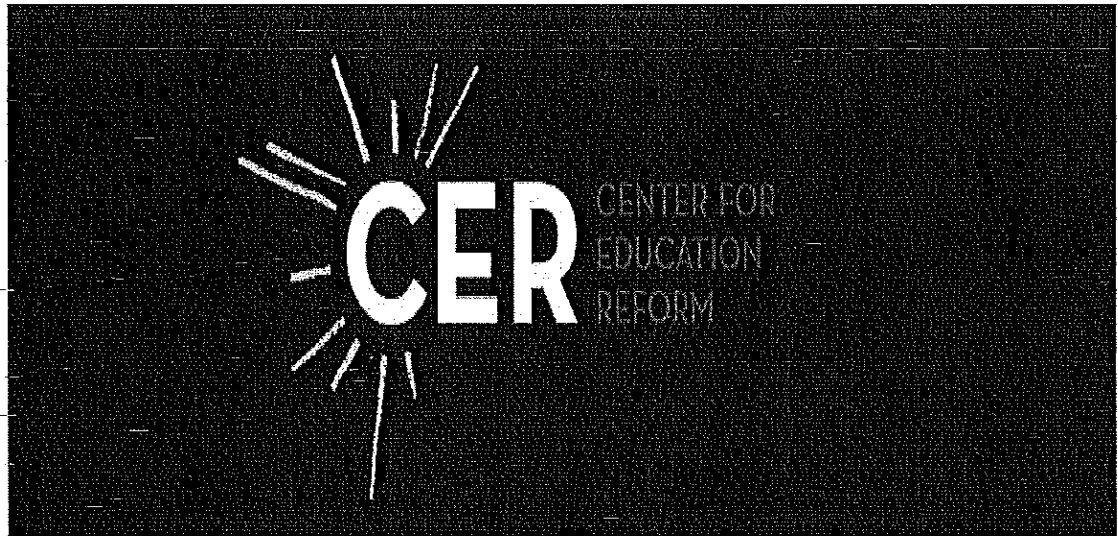
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THE NEW SAT. First there was the original, then there was the one they rescored years later to soften the blow, then they added writing, and subsequently many more essay questions (and took out that pesky "if this then that" analogy section). Now there's the wholly new test - results of which are out today - that the College Board has created to measure more than just test taking skills and aptitude but to gauge readiness for college. It's a noble goal, but still not entirely clear what it all means. However, the number of students

who take the test continues to increase, the “readiness” of students for college is only 46%. Why these scores should mean something is well known, but for a refresher read CER’s New Opportunity Agenda.

AFT HYPOCRISY. AFT president Randi Weingarten continues to astound audiences with incredible pronouncements of absurd and/or offensive nonsense. To re-cap: this past summer she characterized pioneers of education opportunity as segregationists and racists. Then, when called on to apologize for the insult, doubled down, pointing to actions from the Jim Crow era as proof of her offensive conclusion. Then in reaction to a study on absentee teachers which found 28 percent of teachers in traditional public schools miss more than ten days of work each year versus just 10 percent of charter school teachers, instead of calling it a crying shame and calling for revised public school policies she suggested charter schools needed to give their own teachers more time off. Finally, as Hurricane Irma battered Florida, she declared that the state’s charter schools were shirking their social responsibilities because their buildings weren’t required to be constructed as storm shelters. Clearly our friend is grasping at straws to come up with reasoned, reasonable – or even relevant – talking points on education issues. Either that, or she’s gone completely off the rails. Regardless, she should resign as head of the AFT.

LET MIKEY DO IT. “Former Michigan Gov. John Engler has a solution for Detroit’s ailing public schools – let Mayor Mike Duggan, or any successor, run them.” The Governor makes a good point. As Detroit schools continue to struggle to escape the morass of, well, themselves, Engler notes that when on a road to recovery, accountability is key: “The mayor is a political figure who is held accountable. You couldn’t get 50 people in Detroit to be able to successfully name who is on the Detroit public school board.” And while we’re on the subject of Detroit schools, Forbes recently carried an article rebutting a skewed analysis published in the New York Times about charter schools in

Motor City. The piece points major errors to some factual and other errors of omission. It's worth your time.

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY, STARRING? 6 Charter advocacy in

Philadelphia got a big boost last week with the appointment of Sylvia Simms as the first executive director of Educational Opportunities for Families an organization that represents parents seeking more charter schools and educational choice. Simms, a longtime parent advocate and former member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission will be leading "an aggressive new initiative to engage more parents in support of school reform, particularly in North Philadelphia." Simms hopes to create opportunities for parents and community members to talk and ensure that families, especially those in low-income neighborhoods, have high-quality schools for their children. Or, as she puts it, "We always talk about having high-quality schools close to where you live [but] there are no high-quality schools close to where I live, so what are we going to do about that?"



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Influx of Puerto Ricans after Hurricane Maria could tip Florida toward Democrats

By James Hohmann

Washington Post

September 28, 2017

THE BIG IDEA: More than 50 million ballots were cast by Floridians in the seven presidential elections from 1992 through 2016. If you add them all up, only 18,000 votes separate the Republicans from the Democrats. That is 0.04 percent.

Florida is rightfully considered the swingiest of swing states. Control of the White House in 2000 came down to a few hundred hanging chads -

and one vote on the Supreme Court. The past four statewide elections - two governor's races and two presidentials - were all decided by a single percentage point.

So it could be quite politically significant that tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans, maybe more, are expected to permanently move into Florida as the result of Hurricane Maria. The Category 4 storm has wreaked havoc on the U.S. territory of 3.4 million. Most of the island still doesn't have power a week after Maria made landfall. There are shortages of fuel, medicine, food and running water. Infrastructure that was already crumbling is in ruins.

Puerto Ricans are American citizens, thanks to a law passed in 1917. As a result, all they need to settle in the mainland is a plane ticket or a berth on a boat.

Their citizenship entitles them to vote, and they tend to overwhelmingly support Democratic candidates.

Florida-based Republican operative Rick Wilson thinks the hurricane might be a game changer. "If you put an influx of 100,000 Puerto Ricans who vote Democratic eight times out of 10 in the Orlando area, there you go," he said. "Nobody can afford a big change in the registration pattern or a change in the voting pattern that offsets Florida's narrowness. You could end up with a big advantage for Democrats in 2018 if they play it right. The Puerto Ricans would be coming here because they feel like Donald Trump left them high and dry. That won't fade away. ... It could be a very, very big deal."

Hurricane Katrina had an impact on Texas politics because almost half a million people, mostly African Americans, relocated there from the New Orleans area. "It made Louisiana more red and Texas a bit more blue," said Wilson, who has long been critical of Trump. "Texas could absorb it."

"I don't know if you can say this changes the whole demographic game," said Democratic strategist Steve Schale, who directed Barack Obama's Florida campaign in 2008 and was a senior adviser in 2012. "There are still 20 million people, so a couple hundred thousand here or there isn't a huge deal. But, at the margins, everything matters! It doesn't take a lot."

-- Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) has told the White House that the federal government needs to quickly take over recovery efforts on the island to prevent a Hurricane "Katrina-style" disaster. "This has the potential of being a serious humanitarian crisis in a U.S. territory impacting United States citizens," Rubio told Politico's Marc Caputo on Tuesday after returning from a trip to inspect the dire situation in San Juan.

-- The number of people of Puerto Rican origin living in Florida already surpassed 1 million in 2015, which is more than double what it was in 2000. Cuban Americans now represent less than one-third of Florida's eligible Hispanic voters.

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A deep recession on the island, combined with a crime wave, caused an exodus to Florida. Puerto Rico's population declined by 7 percent from 2010 to 2015, or roughly 300,000 people. The island's government, saddled with \$73 billion in debt, declared bankruptcy in May. Maria may supercharge these long-term trends and prompt many who had been trying to hold on to finally give up and flee.

They have primarily settled in the Orlando metropolitan area, which is part of the pivotal Interstate 4 corridor. "Because so many Puerto Ricans have already migrated here, it is easier now," said Schale, who is based in Tallahassee. "They have homes to go to and support networks in place, which also makes it easier to stay."

-- Frustration stemming from Trump's initially lackadaisical response to Hurricane Maria might make these new voters even more antagonistic to the GOP. The president has resisted opening up the port of San Juan to foreign ships, for example, and he hasn't appeared as worried about the damage as he was when he went to Texas for Hurricane Harvey and Florida for Hurricane Irene.

Trump has been pilloried in the Spanish-language press for launching a culture war against the NFL amid the suffering in Puerto Rico. He tweeted more than a dozen times over the weekend about the national anthem, but he was silent and seemed unsympathetic about the damage from the hurricane.

On Monday night, pop star Marc Anthony tweeted angrily at the president: "Mr. President shut the [expletive] up about NFL. Do something about our people in need in #PuertoRico. We are American citizens too." The post quickly got more than 89,000 retweets and 221,000 likes. Other Latino celebrities like Ricky Martin, Pitbull and Jennifer Lopez also tried to call more public attention to the misery on the ground.

"On Monday when we realized that the president had spent the weekend fighting with football players and their mothers, we realized, 'Wait a minute. This guy hasn't said anything about us,'" said Luis A. Miranda, a Democratic consultant in New York who is of Puerto Rican descent. "What crystalized it was Marc Anthony's tweet. ... Trump's tweets are red meat for the third of the country - his base - that is the only thing that he has left. A tweet about Puerto Rico is not good red meat for his base, so he'd rather fight about the American flag and what African American athletes do to raise consciousness."

Miranda is a board member of the Latino Victory Project, which helps identify and assist Latino candidates running for office. (He's also the father of Lin-Manuel Miranda, the creator of "Hamilton.") He said it is crucial for Democrats to capitalize on the new wave of immigrants. "We have to register people and we need to give them good reasons to vote," Miranda said. "We cannot just go to them three months before the election and say, 'Vote Democratic,' or 'Vote for this candidate.' ... Something that energizes people a bit is when there are good Latino candidates."

-- In the face of growing criticism and devastating visuals on cable news, the administration is finally ratcheting up its response. "In the first six days after the hurricane made landfall ... the Navy had deployed just two ships, citing concerns that Puerto Rico's ports were too damaged to accommodate numerous large vessels. But harrowing reports of isolated U.S. citizens struggling in the heat without electricity and running low on food and water have now spurred the Pentagon to throw resources into the relief effort," The Washington Post's Arelis R. Hernández, Dan Lamothe, Ed O'Keefe and Joel Achenbach report on the front page of today's paper. "The more robust approach includes the deployment of the USNS Comfort, a hospital ship that has responded to other natural disasters. The Pentagon also has assigned

an Army general as point person for the humanitarian crisis: Brig. Gen. Richard C. Kim ...

- "Puerto Rican officials said that 10 military vessels are en route to the island and that half should arrive within 48 hours. A ship arrived Tuesday with 262,000 barrels of fuel for distribution to gas stations across the island.
- "The Pentagon's effort to date remains smaller than relief operations marshaled after other major natural disasters, including Katrina in 2005 and the 2013 typhoon that devastated the Philippines. In those cases, the military established a joint task force led by a three-star general."

-- Leading Florida Republicans have been taking this crisis much more seriously than the White House since the beginning. They clearly recognize the political risk of antagonizing a political bloc this big in their own backyard.

Gov. Rick Scott (R-Fla.), who may challenge Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson next year, is flying to Puerto Rico today to help coordinate recovery efforts on the island. "On Tuesday Scott placed the National Guard on standby to help Puerto Rico," the Orlando Sentinel reports. "He visited Kissimmee on Wednesday to meet with volunteers helping Maria recovery efforts."

Former governor Jeb Bush has been posting stories about the devastation on social media. "Time to take it up several notches," he tweeted yesterday, linking to a story about people being unable to get medical care on the island. On Monday, Bush retweeted this post from a former governor of Puerto Rico:

Republicans also see opportunities to make inroads with Puerto Ricans. They tend to identify as socially conservative, and while they vote for Democrats they don't strongly identify with the party.

The LIBRE Initiative, which is part of the Koch network, has spent millions trying to engage with the Puerto Rican community across Florida over the past few years. The effort tries to give Latinos tools for upward mobility, such as offering English classes in Orlando, Kissimmee and Miami. The group is working to help new arrivals from Puerto Rico with training for job interviews, etc.

-- The types of Puerto Ricans coming in this new wave are likely to look slightly different from the ones who came before. The average immigrant who has come in recent years tended to be younger: searching for jobs and opportunities. "You're going to see a lot of frail people or elderly people with health needs who will be overrepresented in this flow," said Edwin Meléndez, the director of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College in New York. "The health infrastructure has crumbled. ... It will continue to be younger people searching for employment, but across the board it will also be more people who are dependent on government to survive."

Meléndez expects a lot of retirees to come to Florida who have heretofore been reluctant to leave their home towns. "People can't talk to their families right now, but the minute people can get through to their families, they're going to start buying them airplane tickets to get out of there," he said. "It's chain migration. ... Florida is kind to the elderly. People have the same Social Security card, whether they're here or in Puerto Rico."

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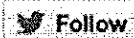


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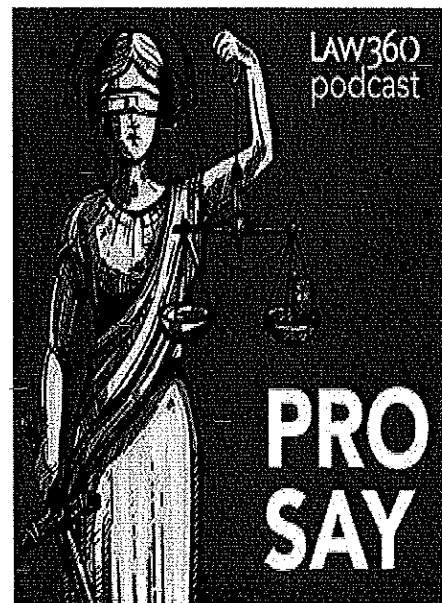
The U.S. Supreme Court has again agreed to take up a case over whether public-sector workers who are not union members can be forced to pay union fees, and while that question split the high court 4-4 in 2016, experts say this time around the court will likely deal a blow to organized labor and strike down decades-old precedent allowing unions to collect such fees. [Read more »](#)

Congress OKs FAA Reauthorization, Disaster-Based Tax Relief

Congress sent a six-month reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration to President Donald Trump on Thursday, passing a measure that also includes tax relief to areas in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico affected by Hurricanes Maria, Harvey and Irma. [Read more »](#)

Trump Lifts Jones Act For Hurricane Relief To Puerto Rico

President Donald Trump on Thursday lifted a shipping restriction on foreign-flagged ships moving goods between U.S. ports to allow for crucially needed supplies to get to hurricane-



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4 Deals To Watch With New DOJ Antitrust Chief At The Helm

Makan Delrahim's confirmation as head of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division comes with several major mergers up for review and politicians clamoring for stepped-up enforcement, and the decisions made on these deals could shed light on the direction and posture of the division going forward. Here, Law360 takes a look at some of the transactions waiting on Delrahim's desk. [Read more »](#)

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Aircraft Trade Feud Casts Imposing Shadow On NAFTA Effort

The Trump administration's bid to overhaul the North American Free Trade Agreement was never going to be easy, but now a simmering aircraft trade dispute between the U.S. and Canada appears poised to introduce a new point of tension in the already-tense negotiations. [Read more »](#)

Ex-Rep. Mel Reynolds Guilty On All Four Counts In Tax Case

Former U.S. Congressman Melvin Reynolds was convicted Thursday on charges he failed to file tax returns on more than \$400,000 in income, following a four-day bench trial in an Illinois federal court. [Read more »](#)

Gorsuch Speech At Trump Hotel Draws Ethics Concerns

As Justice Neil Gorsuch spoke Thursday to conservatives about civility and free speech at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, protesters outside raised their voices over the ethics of the newest justice appearing at the president's new hotel. [Read more »](#)

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The U.S. Supreme Court will again take up the question of whether making public sector workers pay fees to unions violates their First Amendment rights, saying Thursday it will review a Seventh Circuit decision ending an Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services worker's suit. [Read more »](#)

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Big Banks' Living Wills Extension Hints At Regulatory Easing

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Enviros Get Hollow Victory In 10th Circ. Frack Rule Fight

Environmentalists are cheering the Tenth Circuit's recent decision to toss a legal challenge to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's rule strengthening fracking regulations on federal and Native American lands, but experts say litigation delays and a BLM effort to revoke the Obama-era rule could prevent it from ever taking effect. [Read more »](#)

Ex-EPA Boss Slams 'Rearview Mirror' Trump Administration

Former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy on Thursday blasted the Trump administration for chipping away at the agency's capabilities and rolling back Obama-era climate change initiatives — and expressed skepticism about a carbon tax as a fix-all to reduce carbon emissions. [Read more »](#)

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The federal government on Wednesday hit two Balch & Bingham environmental attorneys with charges for allegedly bribing former Alabama state legislator Oliver Robinson to oppose an Environmental Protection Agency cleanup plan that could cost their coal client millions of dollars. [Read more »](#)

James Baker Outlines Climate Change Plan At Energy Summit

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III said during a speech at Rice University Thursday that while there's a "hyperpartisan divide" on climate change and its causes, there are measures that both Republicans and Democrats can agree on that can mitigate its negative impacts. [Read more »](#)

DC Circ. Delays But Doesn't Nix Coal Ash Oral Arguments

The D.C. Circuit on Wednesday delayed oral arguments in a challenge to an Obama-era rule that governs the handling of coal ash but did not immediately grant the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's request to hold the case in abeyance while the regulation is re-examined. [Read more »](#)

Enviros Say EPA Keeping Docs On Effluent Rule Secret

Environmental groups on Thursday filed suit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in New York federal court alleging that after months of dialogue, their request for a range of documents on the now-delayed wastewater treatment standards for steam power plants wasn't being filled. [Read more »](#)

Enviros Sue EPA Over Ala., Miss. Air Board Conflict Rules

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Thursday said Secretary Tom Price will reimburse the federal government almost \$52,000 for his share of taxpayer-funded chartered jet trips that are reported to have cost taxpayers more than \$400,000 and are the subject of an Office of Inspector General review. Read more »

Feds Make Political Money Link In Menendez Bribery Trial

A Florida ophthalmologist agreed to provide \$60,000 in political donations requested by Sen. Bob Menendez's chief of staff on the same day when another staffer sought to arrange a meeting with a U.S. Department of State official to partly discuss an issue affecting the physician, according to testimony Thursday at the senator and doctor's bribery trial. Read more »

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Booking.com Rips USPTO's Bid For Atty Fees In A Case It Lost

Travel reservation site Booking.com harshly criticized the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on Wednesday for seeking more than \$76,000 in attorneys' fees in a trademark case that the agency lost, calling the demand a "radical departure" that "turns logic on its head." Read more »

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President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office earned \$4.7

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million as a managing partner at Irell & Manella LLP since January 2016, according to the nominee's financial disclosure report. Read more »

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Russian Exec Wants BuzzFeed's Source For Trump Dossier

Attorneys for a Russian technology executive suing BuzzFeed for publishing a dossier alleging Russia has compromising information on President Donald Trump pressed the news organization Thursday to reveal who handed it the dossier, arguing it is critical information for his defamation claims. Read more »

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Analysis

Trump Deregulatory Push Puts New Rail, Truck Rules In Doubt

The Trump administration's steadfast deregulatory agenda has upended a number of proposed rules and regulations under consideration for the railroad and trucking sectors, casting a bleak outlook for other measures intending to bolster rail competition or more stringently regulate commercial truckers' operating conditions. Read more »

2 Senators Roll Out Self-Driving Vehicle Legislation

U.S. Sens. John Thune, R-S.D., and Gary Peters, D-Mich., introduced legislation Thursday that would govern self-driving vehicles, a proposal that follows and uses parts of the Self Drive Act, which passed the House without objection earlier this month. Read more »

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New York's ban on ballot-box selfies was upheld Thursday by a federal judge who found, after a bench trial, that the goal of stemming election manipulation and voting delays does not impinge on the First Amendment. Read more »

TAX

Analysis

5 Tax Fights To Watch In The Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court is facing a number of headline-grabbing tax cases that could change the landscape of unclaimed property laws, restrict the government's prosecutorial power under a section of the federal tax code, and upend sales tax laws pertaining to the online marketplace. Read more »

IRS Beats FOIA Suit Over Church Taxes

A Washington, D.C., federal judge on Wednesday killed a suit alleging that the Internal Revenue Service had failed to properly fulfill a Freedom of Information Act request from a religious freedom legal organization, noting that previous requests have not required the service to search all record systems for responsive records. Read more »

Retired Marshal Asks Supreme Court To Review W.Va. Tax Law

A retired U.S. marshal asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review a West Virginia tax law that grants federal law enforcement retirees a partial income tax exemption for benefits received under the Federal Employee Retirement System while granting full exemption of retirement benefits paid to similarly situated state law enforcement retirees. Read more »

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Senate OKs Tweaked Bill To Up Bankruptcy Fees, Add Judges

The Senate on Wednesday night passed a scaled-back version of a bill that would up bankruptcy fees for some filers, extend 14 bankruptcy judgeships and add four new ones, sending the measure back to the House. [Read more »](#)

San Juan Can't Stop Vote On Restructuring Bank's \$4.1B Debt

A New York federal judge on Wednesday denied a bid by Puerto Rico's capital, San Juan, to stall a vote on a restructuring plan for the \$4.1 billion debt load of the territory's investment bank, saying that the city had not shown it had a secured interest on funds in the bank. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

Trump Fights Quick Win Bids In Calif. Sanctuary Cases

The Trump administration on Thursday urged the Northern District of California to deny quick wins to San Francisco and a California county in their separate bids to permanently block enforcement of an executive order that calls for withholding federal funds from so-called "sanctuary cities." [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Chairman Pai's Reconfirmation Heads Toward Final Vote

The U.S. Senate voted Thursday to limit debate on Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai's nomination to a second five-year term on the commission. [Read more »](#)

Groups Ask High Court To Rethink Net's Title II Status

A handful of telecom industry groups filed cert petitions on Thursday asking the U.S. Supreme Court to undo a D.C. Circuit decision

that approved the classification of internet service as a Title II public utility and greenlighted the net neutrality rules currently in effect. [Read more »](#)

Apple Should Activate FM Chip For Emergencies, Pai Says

Apple continued to weather criticism Thursday over its decision to keep FM chips in iPhones deactivated despite their usefulness during emergencies, with Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai calling on the tech giant to "step up to the plate and put the safety of American people first." [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Opinion

Why The Proposed Calif. Land Use Law Is Deeply Flawed

California bill AB 890, sent to Gov. Jerry Brown for action by Oct. 15, is supposedly meant to ensure that enumerated types of local development proposals are subjected to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act. However, this bill, the opposite of CEQA reform, proposes a cure far worse than the perceived disease, say Arthur Coon and Bryan Wenter of Miller Starr Regalia. [Read more »](#)

New Sedona Principles Stress Information Governance

The Sedona Conference Working Group's updated Sedona Principles provides a timely reminder that the legal industry needs to be thinking more seriously about the interconnectedness between e-discovery and information governance, says Saffa Sleet of FTI Consulting Inc. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Prankster Touts Email From Lowell Meant For Kushner

Top white collar defense lawyer Abbe Lowell had his defenses down just enough Thursday to accidentally send a scolding letter from the Senate intelligence committee to a phony Jared Kushner email moniker instead of Lowell's own client's, according to the prankster's Twitter account. [Read more »](#)

Trump Taps Texas Justice, Gibson Dunn Partner For 5th Circ.

President Donald Trump on Thursday unveiled four nominees for the Fifth Circuit, including a Texas Supreme Court justice and a Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP partner, and five other candidates for federal judgeships, including district court seats in Louisiana and Colorado. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Texas 5th Circuit Nominees Boast Conservative Bona Fides

Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett and Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP partner James Ho, both announced Thursday as nominees to the Fifth Circuit, are being hailed by court watchers as well-respected appellate veterans with experience in Washington and deep ties to Texas' Republican leadership. [Read more »](#)

Senate Confirms Erickson To 8th Circ.

The Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday to confirm U.S. District Judge Ralph R. Erickson to the Eighth Circuit, a longtime North Dakota jurist who also chairs the federal Sentencing Commission's Tribal Issues Advisory Group. [Read more »](#)

Kasowitz Benson Fights Order Keeping Fraud Suit In Fla.

Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP has appealed a Florida state judge's denial of its request to dismiss a lawsuit from former client Patriot National Inc. accusing it of "egregious misconduct," pressing ahead with its argument that the matter belongs in New York where it is

attempting to collect \$1.1 million from the company. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

What GCs Should Know About The Latest Travel Ban

President Donald Trump's newest travel ban, which places restrictions on immigrants and visitors to the United States from eight countries, could limit hiring, promoting, business-related trips and other travel for companies that employ individuals around the world. [Read more »](#)

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Legal lions this week were led by a coalition of attorneys who helped biotech giant Amgen secure a jury verdict for \$70 million in damages, while the legal lambs were headed by an unnamed WilmerHale attorney who accidentally sent privileged documents to a reporter. [Read more »](#)

Global 20: Herbert Smith Freehills

Herbert Smith Freehills LLP has maintained its place on Law360's Global 20 list for the fourth year in a row, again proving itself an international powerhouse through its representation of Goldman Sachs International and Societe Generale against a Libyan government wealth fund, among other large cases and deals. [Read more »](#)

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Phoenix Convention Was an Enormous Success –

The September 12 – 15 Phoenix Convention was called by the Arizona State Legislature (HCR2022) for the express purpose of planning for a BBA-focused Article V convention of states and to draft suggested rules for such a convention.

This historic convention was the first convention of states called by a state legislature to which all states were invited since 1861. The 1861 Peace Conference, called by the state of Virginia and chaired by former President John Tyler, was an attempt to head off the civil war. The Phoenix Convention was called as a step toward an Article V convention that will propose a Constitutional amendment aimed at restoring federal fiscal restraint. It took place just days after America's national debt surpassed \$20 trillion.

All states were invited to send delegates. Nineteen states sent a total of 72 formal delegates to Phoenix. Another four states had official observers present. Some 25 additional observers were also present.

On the first day of the convention the delegates unanimously elected Arizona State Rep. Kelly Townsend as Convention President. Utah State Rep. Ken Ivory was elected Vice President, and Georgia attorney David Guldenschuh was elected Convention Secretary. The Arizona legislature made some 50 of its staff members available to assist with the convention.

A brief video about the history of conventions of states was shown. It can be viewed [HERE](#).

Welcoming presentations were offered by Arizona Speaker of the House J. D. Menard and by Senator Steve Montenegro representing the Arizona Senate. Opening remarks were presented by former Oklahoma State Rep. Gary Banz (who was the chief sponsor of that state's successful resolution calling for a BBA-focused Article V convention). His speech

was followed by a standing ovation. The speech can be watched [HERE](#) (beginning at 22:05... through 46:36).

Arizona State Senator Nancy Barto presented a report from the Arizona legislators who had been appointed to plan the Phoenix Convention. It included recommendations on the rules under which the Phoenix Convention would operate, recommendations of temporary chairs for the three recommended committees (Rules, Planning, Credentials), and recommendations for Clerk, Sergeant of Arms and Parliamentarian for the Phoenix Convention. The report and recommendations were unanimously approved and accepted by the delegates.

Prior to the Phoenix Convention legislators from several states had worked together to draft a basic set of suggested rules for a future BBA-focused Article V convention. Their work became known as Resolution 1 for the Phoenix Convention.

Three Committees Formed:

The convention broke into the three committees with each represented state having at least one delegate serving on the two main committees. The committees each elected a chairman.

Gary Banz chaired the Rules Committee. Tennessee immediately moved to adopt Resolution 1 (the initial draft of the proposed rules for an Article V Convention). The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Rules Committee met all day Wednesday, Thursday and part of Friday as it entertained a large variety of proposed amendments to Resolution 1. There was often vigorous, but respectful, debate as each state's spokesperson provided rationale for their suggested amendments. By Friday afternoon delegates comprising the Rules Committee voted unanimously to approve the modified Resolution 1 (rules package).

At the final session of the convention the amended Resolution 1 was unanimously approved by the convention as a whole. That rules package can be reviewed [HERE](#).

Arizona State Rep. Bob Thorpe served as chair of the Planning Committee. That committee divided its work into two sub-committees (one to suggest how states should select delegates to a future Article V convention, and one to deal with time, place and logistics of holding a convention).

Reports from the two sub-committees were presented to the convention as a whole. Again, amendments were offered from the floor, entertained, and changes were accommodated before they were unanimously approved by the convention as a whole. Those reports can be read [HERE](#).

The Credentials Committee was chaired by Michigan delegate Tom Llewellyn who kept track of delegate attendance at each session. Attendance records can be viewed [HERE](#).

On the opening night of the Phoenix Convention the [BBA Task Force](#) hosted a dinner for convention delegates. Former Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli was the keynote speaker.

The convention was closed with a presentation by Georgia delegate David Guldenschuh. He pointed out that the convention's closing day (9/15) was the 230th birthday of the writing and unanimous adoption of Article V of the new US Constitution, just 2 days before the new Constitution was completed and sent to the states for ratification. His speech can be viewed [HERE](#).

General Observations:

Not one time did the Phoenix Convention "runaway" or get off the topics assigned in the original call by the Arizona legislature. The entire convention was orderly. It provided an excellent model for a future Article V convention.

The delegates demonstrated orderly decorum and united behind the principles of one vote per state, and the limiting of discussions to one subject at a future BBA-focused Article V convention.

The Phoenix Convention Drew Considerable Media Coverage –

Following is a sample of the press coverage given to the Phoenix Convention (click on underlined copy to read the stories):

Both the US News and World Report and the Idaho Statesman carried an Associated Press story about the convention headlined ***GOP lawmakers push balanced budget mandate in Constitution.***

The **Conservative Review** carried a story under the headline ***Article V convention planning underway in Arizona.***

The **Arizona Republic** carried a story announcing ***22 states participate in 'historic' gathering.***

Townhall.com published a review of conventions of states written by Prof. Rob Natelson under the headline ***Convention of States: How the States Meet to Bypass Congress.***

Idaho television station **KTVB** did a special story on the 10 delegates its legislature sent to the Phoenix Convention and posted the story on its web site headlined ***Idaho lawmakers take part in historic gathering.***

Surprisingly, even **SFGate.com** (San Francisco) carried a story headlined ***Idaho sends 10 delegates to balanced budget convention.***

Even the **Washington** (Indiana) Times-Herald carried a piece on the convention.

After the convention concluded **ABC News** carried a report headlined **GOP lawmakers finish plan for balanced budget convention.**

The Hill also carried a follow-up story headlined **GOP state lawmakers meet to plan possible constitutional convention.**

AZCentral (a part of the USA Today network) published a post-convention report headlined **Phoenix constitutional convention gives 'rebirth to a new nation,' planners say.**

The **American Legislative Exchange Council** published a report on the convention headlined **History Was Made in Phoenix This Month.**

The **Rome** (Georgia) **News-Tribune** carried a post-convention report by Georgia Senator Chuck Hufstetler headlined **Using a 'forgotten power': Convention of states planning ahead to force congress to balance the budget.**

The **Conservative Daily Post** reported **22 States Make BOLD Pact As State Leaders Gather In Arizona For A Bold Constitutional Change.**

The **Tulsa** (Oklahoma) **World** reported **State lawmakers take part in planning for possible constitutional convention.**

Phoenix Correspondence Commission Created –

One of the big developments at the Phoenix Convention was creation of the Phoenix Correspondence Commission (PCC). Among other decisions, delegates unanimously agreed to establish the PCC to facilitate communication between the states, Congress,

and the public on Article V and a proposed balanced budget amendment.

PCC is fashioned after the "committees of correspondence" that were common during the colonial era. Initially the new Commission will consist of one member of each state delegation that attended the Phoenix Convention. Arizona State Rep. Anthony Kern will serve as the PCC temporary chairman.

The new PCC is charged with tracking Article V resolutions adopted by the states calling for a BBA Article V convention, encouraging at least seven more states to adopt such resolutions, and encouraging all state legislatures to adopt legislation appointing and instructing delegates to the anticipated first Article V convention.

The consensus of the Phoenix Convention was that members of the new PCC are now the leaders of the Article V movement. They appeared to welcome the responsibility.

The Economist Publishes Major Piece on Article V—

Reporters from the London-based **The Economist** magazine were in Phoenix during the recent Phoenix Convention. Surprisingly this primarily-financial foreign publication has taken more serious interest in Article V than most major US media.

On September 30 **Economist.com** published an extensive piece on the entire Article V movement in the US. While the second paragraph was a bit jumbled (initially implying that founding Father George Mason did not like the two-option approach to Constitutional amendment² 0 the approach he actually proposed and which was unanimously adopted), the detailed article is a mostly accurate

overview of Article V.

Toward the end of the article it unfortunately repeats the misinformation about the 1787 Philadelphia convention... suggesting that the Constitutional framers were working under the authority of the original Articles of Confederation, and (without authority) changed the requirements for ratification. Using that example the story says, *"Delegates could simply declare a new, lower threshold for ratification."*

As most serious Constitutional scholars know, the framers were not working under the Articles of Confederation, but were complying with the direction of the state legislatures which called the Philadelphia convention⁶ producing a new governing document for a totally new national government.

Within the context of this misrepresentation of the origins of America's 1787 Constitution, the Economist quoted Larry Greenley of the John Birch Society, saying of an Article V convention, *"This is a convention that creates constitutions. It's a level above state legislatures, and can't be limited. We really believe that any Article V convention would have the ability to change the ratification process."*

Of course there is no provision in Article V for re-writing or "creating" a new Constitution... only to propose amendments. Period. Read the Economist article [HERE](#).

A Debt Ceiling With No Limit? –

Friday September 8, 2017 America's federal debt formally surpassed \$20 trillion. On that one day alone the debt grew by \$317,645,000,000, following a spending and debt-limit deal agreed to by President Trump and large "Yes" votes by both Houses of Congress... to fund the government through December 8. The above figures are from the Treasury Department's "Debt to the Penny" page.

The “deal” involved disaster recovery aid for the victims of recent hurricanes... but no longer pretends to have a debt ceiling cap.

An article on **Hotair.com** by Ed Morrissey noted that “President Trump on Thursday signaled openness to a proposal to effectively eliminate the federal limit on government borrowing....”²⁰ Morrissey reported that “Trump and Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D–N.Y.) reached what one senior White House official called a ‘gentlemen’s agreement’ to develop a plan that would no longer require Congress to routinely raise the limit on government borrowing.”

Morrissey offered the opinion that *"The best way to deal with the debt ceiling is with a balanced-budget amendment. If Congress won't produce one — and they won't — then the states need to accelerate the Article V convention to impose it on them."* 2 Read his article [HERE](#).

Just a few days before “the deal” was struck, **FreedomWorks** (a Tea Party-affiliated activist group) made it clear that Congress and the White House that the people it represents will not support a “clean” debt limit increase — that is, one without any spending cuts or policy riders or some type of regulatory reform attached to any bill that raises the debt ceiling. No spending cuts, riders or reforms were attached to the adopted bill... and it appears to have no spending ceiling. Read the **Politico** report on FreedomWorks’ positions [HERE](#).

"Of all the absurd Washington pantomimes none has been as reliably entertaining and maddening as the annual debates to raise the debt ceiling," said Peter D. Schiff of Euro Pacific Capital in a piece published by FX.com after the debt ceiling "deal" was announced.

Schiff is best known for his predictions of the 2008 financial crisis. FX.com is described as a leading source for reliable (financial) news and real time foreign exchange analysis.

Schiff's September 8 article says, "(T)his week the news dropped that President Trump had made a 'gentleman's agreement' with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to permanently scrap the 'debt ceiling' so that government borrowing can occur perpetually without the need to air the nation's fiscal dirty laundry. Given how much the national debt has exploded in recent decades, and how reluctant Congress has been to address the problem, it should be no surprise that the proposal has finally been made."

Talking about the often-rising debt ceiling, Schiff says, "If we eliminate the only tool, the problem will never be fixed. If the debt ceiling were to be cut out like an unneeded appendix, we should expect that America's foray into debt creation, which has already been fantastical, to journey even farther into the looking glass."

He suggests that "This could be the worst possible choice for the U.S. economy, and investors should be prepared. It could produce a dollar and sovereign debt crisis that will dwarf the financial crisis of 2008 with respect to its impact on the American economy. It could make hurricane Irma look like a sun shower." Read Schiff's article [HERE](#).

Hillary Clinton Apparently Doesn't Understand Article V –

In a recent podcast interview with Vox.com, Hillary Clinton talked about the Convention of States Project. She reportedly said, *"They want radical, pull-'em-up-by-the-roots*

change, they want to have a constitutional convention to rewrite our Constitution to make it friendlier to business, to inject religious and ideological elements. So talk about radical change—they are pursuing it, they are funding it, and they are electing people who are either true believers or willing vehicles for it.”

Mark Meckler, head of the COS Project wrote an op-ed for **The Hill**, tearing apart Clinton’s criticisms piece-by-piece. Meckler’s op-ed can be read [HERE](#).

Another web blog, **LegalInsurrection.com** also posted a piece on Clinton’s failure to understand Article V. On September 27 it published a piece entitled **Hillary Doesn’t Understand What a Convention of States Actually Is**. Read it [HERE](#).

Congressional Dysfunction Spurs Interest in Term Limits –

Even with one party controlling both Houses of Congress, it does not seem capable of accomplishing much. That dysfunction is increasing the interest in using Article V to enshrine Congressional term limits in the Constitution.

During the past month a combined meeting of two Georgia Tea Party groups heard a presentation from James Alvarado, state director for [US Term Limits](#). “We did a poll last year, and 82 percent of [Georgians] —that’s Republicans, Democrats and Independents — all agree on one thing: term limits in Congress,” he said.

Alvarado encouraged attendees to support Georgia State Resolution 195 to call for an Article V convention for term limits. The resolution was introduced in February but has not been approved by the state legislature.

During September Ken Clark, Regional Director for the [Convention of States Project](#) was interviewed on the Daily Ledger program of **AcuNewsDaily** where the host talked about federalism and Article V with a focus on federal term limits. The very good interview can be viewed [HERE](#).

Meanwhile an Idaho resident wrote a letter to the **Coeur d'Alene/Post Falls Press** that was published under the heading ***Term Them Out***. The writer said *"I would like to see an article 5 convention of states to force a constitutional amendment imposing term limits on ALL federal House and Senate members IF it could be limited to that issue ONLY."* Read the letter [HERE](#).

This past month the ebook version of ***Term Limits*** by Vince Flynn was released. It claims to be a **New York Times** best seller book. Learn about it [HERE](#).

Who Said It?

*"We must not let the growing momentum
to propose crucial amendments to the Constitution
be obstructed by territorial differences
or the pretense that Article V is a binary choice.
Rather, let's recognize the synergies between the various efforts
lest they all be ended before they have really begun."*

Arizona House Speaker J. D. Mesnard
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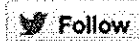
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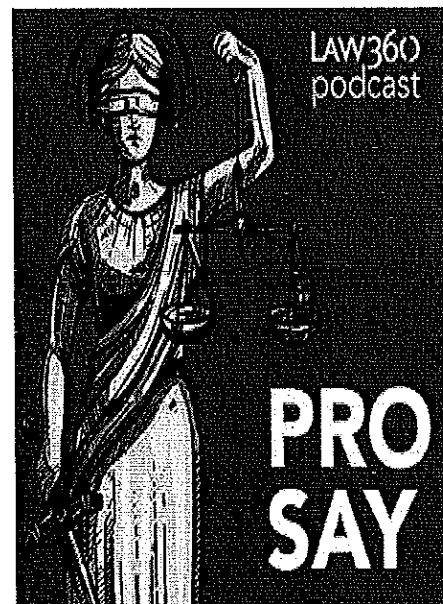
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A false emergency alert that mistakenly forecast a missile attack on Hawaii panicked island residents Saturday morning and renewed lingering concerns about the effectiveness of the Wireless Emergency Alerts system that relayed the message to mobile phones. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

E-Sales Just One Impetus In Top Court's Internet Tax Review

A 25-year-old U.S. Supreme Court ruling barring states from collecting sales taxes from online retailers that are not physically present within their borders is under the justices' review again because of a confluence of



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factors, including inaction from Congress, the rise of e-commerce and the composition of the court. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Trump's Monument Cuts May Rest On Shaky Legal Ground

President Donald Trump's decision to shrink some national monuments created by his predecessors presents a novel issue to courts handling lawsuits challenging his actions: whether Congress gave the president authority to modify or eliminate, not just designate, such monuments. Legal experts say the administration faces an uphill battle. = 9 [Read more »](#)

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CFPB To Reconsider Controversial Payday Lending Rule

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on Tuesday said it plans to reopen a controversial rule that would bring federal regulations to the payday lending and auto-title lending industries, likely indicating that the rule will be significantly weakened. [Read more »](#)

Immigration Key Sticking Point As Gov't Shutdown Looms

= A After talks fell apart last week on a legislative fix for participants in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, immigration policy has become a flashpoint between Congress and the White House that could lead to a federal government shutdown this weekend. [Read more »](#)

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High Court Move Prompts Calls For Online Retail Tax Bill

House and Senate lawmakers have called on Congress to pass legislation that would address tax collections from online sales in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to

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Exxon Insists Climate Change Speech Claims Are Valid

ExxonMobil told a judge Friday it has made its case that climate change probes launched by the attorneys general of New York and Massachusetts violate its free speech rights, documenting meetings between New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and climate activists to bolster its argument. Read more »

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Nez Perce Tell 9th Circ. Water Release Order Is Sound

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The Nez Perce Tribe told the Ninth Circuit on Friday that a lower court's determination that the government must boost water releases and monitoring at a series of dams along the Columbia and Snake rivers to protect salmon and steelhead was correct, arguing the order was necessary and lawful. Read more »

Energy Corp. Pays \$1.7M Over Pa. Fracking Site Violations

= A Pennsylvania environmental regulators announced Tuesday they had collected \$1.7 million in fines from Energy Corp. of America following a series of spills and other violations at natural gas fracking sites across two counties. Read more »

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

NJ Opioid Laws Tackle Rx Fraud, Nix Antidote Liability

As part of the crackdown on New Jersey's opioid crisis in the waning days of his administration, outgoing Gov. Chris Christie on Monday approved measures that would

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General Electric Company

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Grant Thornton LLP

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MetLife Inc.

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National Consumer Law Center

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation

National Wildlife Federation

Pacific Legal Foundation

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The Boeing Company

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The Seattle Times

Twitter Inc.

Wayfair LLC

strengthen painkiller prescription monitoring rules and grant immunity to first responders who have to administer overdose antidotes. Read more »= A

Harmonized E-Cig Tax Rates Require More Info, EU Says

= A The European Commission announced Friday it would hold off proposing a measure to tax electronic cigarettes uniformly across the European Union, saying more information on the product was needed, including data on possible health effects. Read more »

EMPLOYMENT

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NJ Gov. Murphy Signs Equal Pay Order In First Official Act = 9

In his first official move after being sworn in Tuesday, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy made good on a campaign promise to promote equal pay for women by banning public employers from using job applicants' salary histories as a hiring consideration. Read more »

PRIVACY & CYBERSECURITY

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Senate Starts Gov't Spying Debate Despite Privacy Objections

= 9 The Senate started the process to renew a key National Security Agency international spying authority Tuesday, despite objections from a bipartisan group of senators over privacy concerns. Read more »

CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Mich. Lobbying Firm Slams AG Subpoena In Tesla Sales Row

A lobbying firm objected Monday in Michigan federal court to a subpoena from the state

Wells Fargo & Co.

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eBay Inc.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Army Corps of Engineers

Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States

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European Commission

European Union

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Communications Commission

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New Jersey Legislature

New York Attorney General's Office

Nez Perce Tribe

Office of Federal Procurement Policy

Ohio Department of Taxation

Ohio Supreme Court

Securities and Exchange Commission

attorney general in Tesla's suit over a Michigan law passed in 2014 that bans the automaker from selling directly to consumers, saying the subpoena is too broad and would unfairly burden the firm. [Read more »](#)

= 9 AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

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Dem Ire, GOP Dodge On Trump Meeting Roil DACA Hearing

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Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., encouraged Congress to get back on track with negotiations over a bipartisan legislative replacement for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Tuesday after President Donald Trump reportedly made derogatory remarks about immigrants from "shithole countries." [Read more »](#)

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Trump Taps Ex-Military Judge As Air Force Legal Chief

President Donald Trump on Friday nominated two former generals, one of whom is a former military judge, for roles as a senior manpower official in the U.S. Department of Defense and as the new legal chief for the U.S. Air Force. [Read more »](#) = A

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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DOT Slams Matson's Challenge To Rival= 2s Gov't Subsidies

The U.S. Department of Transportation told the D.C. Circuit Friday that Matson Navigation Co.'s "untimely" challenge to federal subsidies granted to rival container shipper APL for Guam and Saipan trade routes as part of a national security program must be rejected for lack of jurisdiction. [Read more »](#)

U.S. Air Force

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of Transportation

U.S. General Services Administration

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

U.S. Navy

U.S. Supreme Court

Wage and Hour Division

Washington State Department of Licensing

World Trade Organization

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House OKs Bill Lowering Hundreds Of Tariffs = 9

The House of Representatives passed a bipartisan bill Tuesday to lower tariffs on about 1,800 imports for products that have little threat to domestic industry, following a push from manufacturers and other businesses. [Read more »](#)

Australia Breaks WTO Silence To Fight Canadian Wine Rules

The Australian government targeted Canada's restrictions on the retail sale of foreign wines with a new World Trade Organization complaint Tuesday, marking the first time the country has triggered a dispute in Geneva since 2003. [Read more »](#)

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Trump Tax Reform Costs Citigroup \$22B, Co. Says

Citi said Tuesday that the new tax law could mean future growth for the company but that it's taking \$22 billion in charges in the short term as a result of the reform, while other companies announced smaller but still substantial one-time hits, like GM's \$7 billion write-down. [Read more »](#)

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New NJ Gov. Vows To Fight 'All-Out Assault' From Washington = 9

Vowing to "resist Washington's all-out assault on New Jersey," Gov. Philip Murphy restated his campaign slogan in his inaugural address Tuesday, repeatedly hammering home his intention to make the Garden State "stronger and fairer." [Read more »](#)

NY Gov. Proposes Tax Overhaul To Blunt Federal Reform

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed on Tuesday a \$168 billion budget for 2019 that would restructure the state tax code, tax health insurers to recoup a "windfall" from the federal tax overhaul and defer tax credits of more than \$2 million as the state faces a projected \$4.4 billion budget deficit. Read more »

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Trump Admin. Looks To Appeal DACA Ruling To High Court

The Trump administration on Tuesday said it will appeal a nationwide injunction issued last week that prevents it from rolling back the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and an order issued on Friday trimming some claims in five related lawsuits challenging the plan. Read more »

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Wash. Agency To Stop Giving Info To Immigration Officials

A Washington state agency on Monday announced that it will stop regularly handing to federal immigration officials the personal information it collects from applicants for driver's licenses and other services, following a public outcry over the practice. Read more »

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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FCC's Pai Floats \$500M Rural Broadband Funding Plan

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai announced a proposal Tuesday, with few public details, that would pump more than \$500 million into small rural broadband carriers and local cooperatives in order to bolster rural high-speed broadband

deployment, while also imposing new anti-abuse rules. Read more » = 9

Senate Dems Unite On Effort To Reverse Net Neutrality Order

With one GOP senator on board, Senate Democrats Tuesday voiced unanimous support for legislation to reinstate so-called net neutrality rules barring internet service providers from throttling delivery speeds for web content based on corporate deals. Read more » = 9

GSA Dinged For 'Unnecessary' Telecom Contracting Risks

In its rush to update telecommunications across the federal government, the U.S. General Services Administration has proceeded with nearly \$9 million in agency support services without the requisite agreements between agencies, leaving it vulnerable to "unnecessary" contract oversight disputes, the GSA's internal watchdog said Friday. Read more »

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Manafort, Gates Trial Delayed Until Fall At Earliest

A D.C. federal judge declined Tuesday to set a spring trial date for former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and his business partner Richard W. Gates III after lawyers for the pair said they were overwhelmed by the number of documents produced by prosecutors in the case. Read more »

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NY's Silver Loses High Court Attempt, Clearing Retrial Path

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected an appeal by former New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, meaning the former lawmaker's spring retrial on corruption

charges will likely proceed as planned. [Read more »](#)

PEOPLE

Bergen County Prosecutor Confirmed As NJ Attorney General

The New Jersey Senate on Tuesday confirmed Bergen County Prosecutor Gurbir Grewal, a onetime attorney with Howrey LLP, to serve as the state's next attorney general, with lawmakers hailing him as an exceptional man who will do an amazing job for the Garden State. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

America's Shifting Views On Marijuana Post-Cole Memo

Although Attorney General Jeff Sessions' rescission of the Cole memo does not change federal law, negative response to the rescission across the cannabis sector and political landscape was strong, swift and unusually bipartisan, which may lead to congressional action in the future, say Jonathan Robbins and Joshua Mandell of Akerman LLP. [Read more »](#)

An Important International Provision In The Tax Act

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act made significant changes to the taxation of foreign income of U.S. persons, including the introduction of a new type of income. Attorneys with K&L Gates LLP look at how the new global intangible low-taxed income could affect investment funds. [Read more »](#)

Structuring Unpaid Internships After Wang V. Hearst

The Second Circuit's recent decision in Wang v. Hearst Corporation, coupled with a recent announcement from the U.S. Department of Labor, demonstrates that the flexible, multifactor "primary beneficiary" test for unpaid

interns established in *Glatt v. Fox Searchlight Pictures* is now easier for employers to satisfy, say Michael Pepperman and Ivo Becica of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP. [Read more »](#)

A Momentous Year For CFIUS: Part 2

Regardless of whether new legislation is enacted, dramatic changes to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States have arrived. In 2017, a much “stickier” CFIUS process resulted from concerns about China and a broader worry that international trade has not always benefited the United States, say attorneys with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC. [Read more »](#)

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Opinion

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The Latest Bid Protest 'Reform' Should Be Repealed

= 9 The “loser pays” provision in the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act is a transparent effort to avoid review of government decisions. It violates fundamental principles of administrative law enshrined in the Administrative Procedure Act. Additionally, there is no factual basis for restricting review of agency procurement decisions, say attorneys with Mayer Brown LLP. [Read more »](#)

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Opinion

Reflections On President Trump's Jerusalem 'Recognition'

President Trump's statement in December regarding Jerusalem generated a huge response, most of it strongly negative. But the reaction largely ignored what the president actually said (and did not say), what he actually did (and did not do), and the legal and

historical context surrounding it, says attorney Mark Alcott. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

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Analysis

Womble Bond Alliance A Lesson For Firms Unready To Merge

An eventual merger wasn't what either North Carolina-based Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP or British firm Bond Dickinson LLP had in mind when they drew up their partnership agreement in 2016. The firms' choice to enter into a partnership serves as potential model for other firms that are considering strengthening their ties with cross-border allies, but aren't ready to commit to a full combination. [Read more »](#)

Ogletree Atty Hits Firm With \$300M Gender Bias Class Action

An Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC attorney has hit the management-side powerhouse with a \$300 million proposed class action in California federal court alleging the firm's male-dominated leadership disproportionately favors men over women in pay, promotions and business development opportunities. [Read more »](#)

Recent Law School Grads Wary About Degree's Value

Recent law school graduates were more likely to spend time after graduation in career limbo and had a much bleaker opinion of the value of their degree than their older counterparts, according to a new report released on Tuesday. [Read more »](#) = 9

Analysis

15 Minutes With The Home Depot's General Counsel

Teresa Wynn Roseborough, executive vice president and general counsel of The Home Depot, speaks to Law360 about what life is

like in the home improvement chain's legal department as the retail industry goes through massive changes, what she wants from her outside counsel, and the hero she really wishes she could have lunch with. [Read more »](#)

Series

My Supreme Court Debut: Cultivating A Career Issue

My first U.S. Supreme Court argument came two years after I entered private practice following 10 years as an assistant U.S. attorney. Nevertheless, I found the entire experience simultaneously nerve-wracking and exhilarating, especially given the publicity my case had generated, says Michael Martinez, senior vice president and associate general counsel at Marriott International Inc. [Read more »](#)

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Dear Mr. Moody, will there be an opportunity for participation by webinar? We would love to participate but we are unable to justify six hours of travel time for such a short meeting. Please advise

Thank you,

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Subject: INVITATION: School Based Health Care Workgroup Jan. 29

We are pleased to reconvene the School Based Health Care Workgroup to finish the work we started in 2014. Please join us 11:00-12:30 on January 29 at the Lazarus Building (50 West Town Street, Columbus), and confirm your attendance or identify a designee from your organization here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZnYEjDZP6Lwr5ITg1>

The purpose of the School Based Health Care Workgroup is to improve academic achievement through better student health. The original Workgroup set a clear direction for developing partnerships between primary care practices and schools (attached). We are now in a position to build on this work and, with your assistance, launch a program later this year to help schools and primary care practices develop these partnerships.

Many of you participated in the original Workgroup, and some of you are new. We appreciate everyone's leadership on this project, and look forward to seeing you on January 29.

Best regards,

Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Ohio Department of Education

Greg Moody, Director
Ohio Governor's Office of Health Transformation

School Based Health Care Workgroup

Monday, January 29, 2018

11:00am – 12:30pm

Lazarus Office Building, 6th Floor

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Columbus, OH 43215

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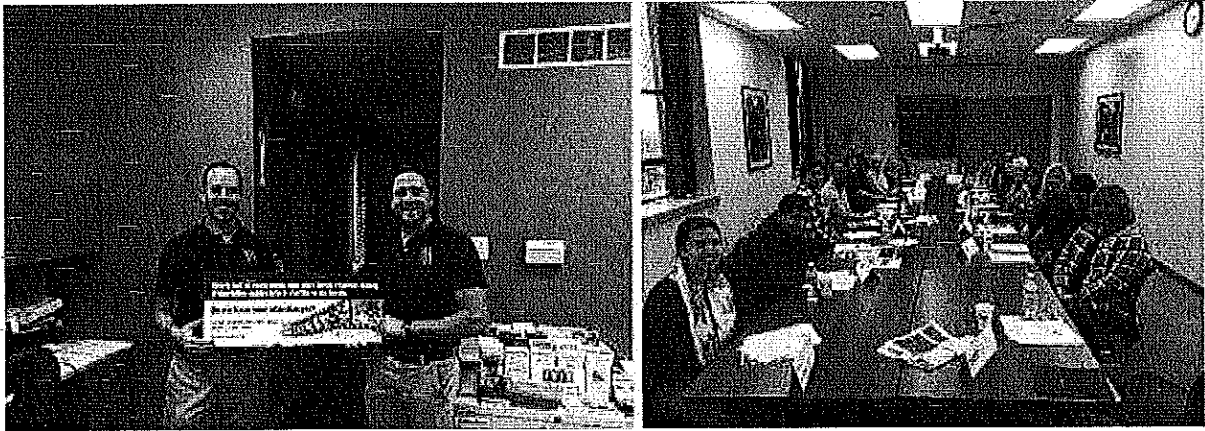
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COALITIONS Online

CADCA's news roundup for prevention leaders



Coalitions in Action: Evidence2Success Kearns Coalition Finds Success in Prevention

Based in New Jersey, The Southwest Council partnered with a local hospital network, Inspira Health Network and the Health & Wellness Alliance, to develop an initiative aimed at reducing drug abuse by changing the community norm of how prescription drugs are handled.

"The initiative *Account. Secure. Dispose.* focuses on both education and resourcing. We educate about the risks and dangers of drug abuse, and then give the community a kit containing what they would need to begin changing their habits with prescription drugs," said Matthew Rudd, Director of Coalitions and Communications at The Southwest Council. "For *Account.*, we give out Med-Trackers to record what medications and how many are remaining; for *Secure.*, we distribute TimerCaps, which we learned about at CADCA's [National Leadership Forum](#), to know when the last time a bottle was opened. This is beneficial for both remembering when the last dose was taken, as well as guarding against suspected abuse; and finally, for *Dispose.*, we supply Deterra bags along with a listing of all the local places that have dropboxes."

[Learn More](#)

Public Policy in the News: VA says it won't study medical marijuana's effect on veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs says it will not conduct research into whether medical marijuana could help veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and chronic pain, as veterans groups are pushing for the use of the drug as an alternative to opioids and anti-depressants. In a letter to U.S. Rep. Tim Walz (D-Minn.), Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin said VA's ability to research medical marijuana is hampered by the fact that the drug is illegal federally. Shulkin's letter came in response to an inquiry by 10 Democrats on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. The letter asks Shulkin to commit the VA department to investigating whether medical marijuana can help veterans suffering from PTSD and chronic pain and identify barriers to doing so. Read the full Washington Post article [here](#).

Take the Annual Survey of Coalitions Today and Enter to Win a Free Forum Registration!

CADCA's Annual Survey of Coalitions is a leading source of information on community-level work in substance misuse prevention. For over a decade, the survey has been providing insights into community coalition processes, strategies, and activities focused on reducing and preventing substance misuse and improving population health. The Annual Survey data informs coalition training and technical assistance needs, highlights successful coalition strategies to national partners, and allows us to do quick capacity assessments to choose coalitions for participation in select projects. It's also been essential in advocacy efforts as well as developing an evidence-base for community-level prevention research.

CADCA welcomes all coalitions fighting alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in their communities to participate – you do not have to be a CADCA member to contribute! The preferred person to fill out the survey is a coalition member who is most familiar with the day-to-day coalition work. This includes the coalition operations manager, director, executive director, or CEO.

If your coalition has participated in the past, we thank you for your commitment and we would like to count on your continued engagement. As a new coalition, please take this opportunity share your work through the Annual Survey of Coalitions.

As in years past, we are offering special incentives for coalitions who complete the survey early. Two lucky winners will win a registration to the 2018 National Leadership Forum if they complete the survey by January 26th.

To participate, email survey@cadca.org to receive your personal survey link or call 1-800-542-2322, ext. 220.

#CADCAForum Adult and Youth Training Grids are Live!

The 2018 National Leadership Forum training grid is available – with over 70 sessions to choose from, it'll be hard to pick! The sessions' topical areas focused on: evaluation and research, coalition leadership, sustainability, marketing and communications, policy and advocacy, cross sector collaboration and what's trending. Check out the [grid](#) for a breakdown of each day and time slot and start planning your week at #CADCAForum! The [youth training grid](#) is also available! Attendees of the Youth Leadership Summit can expect over 35 training sessions on topics such as leadership, tobacco 101, networking and advocacy.

Training session spotlight: [Power Session with SAMHSA's Leadership](#)

Tuesday, 11 am – 12:15 pm

SAMHSA's first Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz will discuss the agency's priorities. She, along with Fran Harding, the Director of SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention will discuss SAMHSA's activities and current status of the implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act, Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, including other programming activities within SAMHSA addressing the President's recent declaration of a public health emergency to address the national opioid crisis.

Youth Leadership Summit spotlight: [Media Messaging – Strategic PSAs](#)

Tuesday, 1:45 – 3 pm

The FDA produces advertisements and public service announcements that are aired to millions of people. This training session will provide an overview of their ad development process for health education campaigns, and how it can be applied at the coalition level. By providing both insights and best practices

about the process, this training session will take you from focus groups required to collect data about the audience to filming.

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Networking Opportunities Announced!

The National Leadership Forum is the perfect place to connect with your fellow coalition members, community leaders and prevention professionals from all over the country! Learn about different initiatives and issues while expressing your creative side!

Bling Your Badge

Network with your fellow coalition members and community leaders while releasing your creative side! Head to the CADCA booth in the Exhibit Hall and personalize your CADCA lanyard with fun and colorful accessories. While personalizing your badge, take the opportunity to get to know fellow attendees from across the country and what brings them to #CADCAForum.

CADCA's Selfie Booth

We invite you to CADCA's Selfie Booth (located near the CADCA Booth in the Exhibit Hall) to take a selfie! Using a whiteboard, share what is on your mind about current and relevant matters of the field! Put them in the spotlight and bring awareness to others by capturing it in a photo. Be sure to use the hashtag #CADCAForum on all social media platforms. If you post your picture on Twitter, it will could be featured on the Jumbotron.

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 American Bail Coalition

Dear Representative Smith,

As government stewards, elected officials, and stakeholders in the safety of the citizens of Ohio, I write to you today concerning the ongoing misinformation regarding bail reform.

You may have recently been given a copy of a report from the Buckeye Institute, entitled **"Money Bail" Making Ohio A More Dangerous Place to Live**. This report contains so many errors and incomplete information that, frankly, it should be discarded. Yet, we wanted to take an opportunity to counter some of the claims made in the report and set the bail reform debate into the proper context.

First, "money bail" is not making Ohio a more dangerous place to live. The bail system in Ohio is essentially the same one being run since statehood. The right to bail is enshrined in the Ohio constitution, and Judges have discretion to set the "type, amount, and conditions" of bail. This is also why 69% of judges in a recent National Judicial College Survey did not agree with the elimination of money bail from the system.

Second, what does the Buckeye Institute's new bail utopia cost? New Jersey's program, given as an example, will run out of money on July 1, 2018 unless the legislature completely overhauls the funding of that program. The costs to implement such a program were in excess of \$1 billion in California. Added to that, not only are there not savings, as both Administrative Judge Glenn Grant in New Jersey and the California Chief Justice concur, the costs of shifting away from monetary bail to risk assessments and supervision will largely not materialize and the cost the State and Counties millions of dollars.

Third, the litany of examples cited by the report as horrifying cases where someone was able to post bail begs the question as to what the Buckeye Institute would do with such cases. Yet, the Ohio Constitution already covers

this, giving the power to prosecutors to prove the danger or risk of flight and deny bail. The report suggests that somehow a risk assessment will fix the problem, yet the results of the assessment do not relieve a prosecutor of having to put up the proof necessary to achieve the result.

The report argues that several jurisdictions are seeing tremendous results due to bail reform, but this relies on the results generated by a private foundation that provides a free proprietary risk assessment tool and does its own evaluation of the results. It should come as no surprise that they think it works. **Instead, in sworn testimony, a national expert testified in federal court that the Lucas County, Ohio program has very high failure rates, including 47% of high risk cases. As a result of that testimony, the attorneys in the case concluded that Lucas County, Ohio had created a culture of "non-accountability" in its bail system.**

In San Francisco, the report issued there found that 27% of defendants did not show up under the risk assessment model. In New Jersey, the state has failed to release any numbers, and the report's citation to crime figures does not prove that bail reform has anything to do with that since New Jersey's prison population has declined every year for 15 years - and the population had been declining by double digits leading up to bail reform. Of course, New Jersey's algorithm is releasing prior felons in possession of firearms, counting them as low risk, similar to what is going on in New Mexico.

Risk assessments are indeed not a magic bullet, and there have been serious criticisms lodged against them which the Buckeye Institute report completely ignores. Researchers at New York University concluded: **"The use of such systems by public agencies raises serious due process concerns, and at a minimum they should be available for public auditing, testing, and review, and subject to accountability standards."** Former US Attorney General Eric Holder has also cautioned jurisdictions who using risk assessments saying they "may exacerbate unwarranted and unjust disparities that are already far too common in our criminal justice system and in our society." Several additional recent studies and experts have called into question the race and gender neutrality of such algorithms, and the jury is certainly still out on that question. Indeed the utter lack of transparency of such algorithms is of serious concern.

The Buckeye Institute decides to then demean the bail industry for helping persons exercise their right to bail in Ohio and provide accountability to the Courts. The report cites no statistics on the effectiveness of surety bail in Ohio. That's not to say that adjustments cannot be made, but national data as well as data in Ohio back up the fact that private bail is effective and efficient because it is typically a third-party benefit provided to the State and a defendant at no cost to the State.

Sadly, the Buckeye Institute has sunk to the level of citing newspaper articles as some proof of the key points it makes. It does such surface-level analysis that clearly the conclusion informed the selection of the "research"

that is cited. For example, the fact that 57% of persons in jail are awaiting trial tells us nothing—how many of those persons are on a non-monetary hold? Or, what is their prior criminal history, and what would the risk assessment say about them based thereon? How many are there because their attorneys are advising them to take a time-served deal?

The Buckeye Institute needs to go back to the drawing board with its assessment of bail reform. Moving away from "money bail" has not proven to deliver on its promises. While adjustments to the system can always be made, putting our blind faith in "black-box" algorithms to fix the problem is not only unproven, it is simply naïve.

Sincerely,

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Immigration Standoff Keeps Government Shuttered

The Senate failed to reach a funding deal Sunday night, extending the government shutdown as both parties continued to clash over longstanding spending and immigration issues. [Read more »](#)

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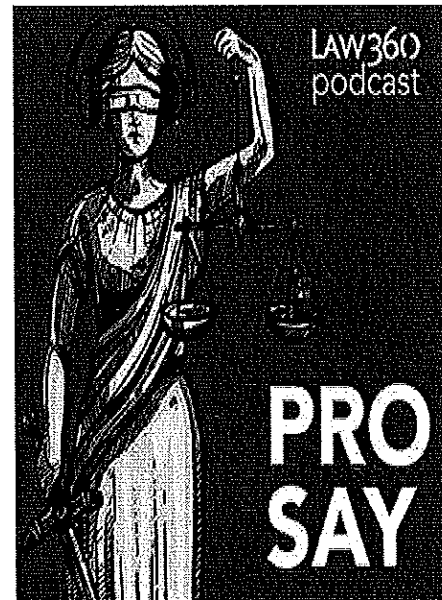
Breaking Down The Sprawling Ex-Cuomo Aide Corruption Trial

Federal prosecutors are set to face off with a former confidant of Gov. Andrew Cuomo over an alleged bribery scheme with hundreds of millions of government dollars in play, and are aiming to clear the U.S. Supreme Court's raised bar for proving graft in the latest trial over alleged corruption in New York's state government. Here, Law360 takes a look at the case in advance of the trial scheduled to begin on Monday. [Read more »](#)

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MetLife Deal Could Imperil Future SIFI Designations

Future financial regulators will have a more difficult time targeting nonbank financial firms for extra regulation after the Trump administration on Thursday agreed to include cost-benefit and other analyses in future



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Analysis

Attorneys Preparing Clients For A Costly Shutdown

The federal government shutdown has attorneys worried, and they're preparing their clients for potential problems regarding contractors and labor regulations when the federal government shuts its doors Monday. [Read more »](#)

High Court Agrees To Review Trump's Travel Ban

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Friday to review whether the third iteration of the Trump administration's ban on travel to the U.S. by nationals of several predominantly Muslim countries is unconstitutional and violates federal immigration law. [Read more »](#)

Judiciary Can Stay Open For 3 Weeks After Shutdown

Even though the government has shut down, the federal courts will open their doors Monday and remain up and running at least until their funds run dry in about three weeks, an Administrative Office of U.S. Courts spokesperson said Friday. [Read more »](#)

IRS Prepares For Gov't Shutdown As Filing Season Looms

After Congress failed to reach a Friday night deadline to renew funding for the federal government, the IRS was set to put in place a contingency plan that would see the agency lose more than half of its workforce at the beginning of filing season and coming on the heels of the largest change to the tax code in 30 years. [Read more »](#)

BANKING & SECURITIES

Fed's Bank Regulator Wants To 'Tailor' Dodd-Frank Rules

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Maclay Murray

Mayer Brown

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Native American Rights Fund

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The Federal Reserve's first-ever vice chair for supervision called Friday for a rethinking of Dodd-Frank Act bank regulations to make them more transparent and efficient, specifically calling for "tailoring" approaches for individual banks. [Read more »](#)

SEC Chair Urges Retail Focus In Activist Investor Debate

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Jay Clayton said Friday the interests of Main Street investors must remain central to a growing debate over the pros and cons of shareholder activism. [Read more »](#)

Cryptocurrency ETFs Not Ready For Prime Time, SEC Says

The Securities and Exchange Commission said late Thursday that cryptocurrency-related exchange-traded funds raise too many unanswered questions that fund companies must answer before the agency will consider approving such products for ordinary investors. [Read more »](#)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Analysis

High Court's In-House Judge Review Puts FERC In Firing Line

The U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision to take up a case over whether the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's hiring of administrative law judges is constitutional has experts predicting a wave of litigation challenging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's heavy use of in-house judges if the Supreme Court strikes down the SEC's hiring practices. [Read more »](#)

1 Of 52 Bison Seen After Release Spurs Criminal Probe

Yellowstone National Park staff have spotted at least one of the 52 bison illegally released from holding pens last week, as the National Park Service's criminal investigation into the

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unauthorized emancipation continues, a spokeswoman said Friday. [Read more »](#)

DC Circ. Upholds NRC's Wyo. Uranium Mine License

The D.C. Circuit on Friday rejected environmental groups' effort to revive their challenge to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's decision to issue a license for Strata Energy Inc.'s uranium mining project in Wyoming. [Read more »](#)

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

HHS' Anti-Abortion Protections Put Hospitals On Notice

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Friday said it will get more assertive about ensuring that doctors and nurses can refuse to participate in abortions, a move that will encourage hospitals to assess employee attitudes on the subject. [Read more »](#)

IP & TECHNOLOGY

USPTO Floats Patent Regs To Ax Under '1 In, 2 Out' Plan

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on Friday proposed eliminating several regulations, including ones dealing with patent amendments and America Invents Act reviews, to comply with an executive order that agencies discard two regulations for each new one they issue. [Read more »](#)

DOJ Antitrust, FTC Chiefs Signal Continued Focus On IP

The head of the U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust division and the Federal Trade Commission's acting chairman both said Friday that competition enforcers have a role to play in helping protect intellectual property rights in order to encourage innovation, but warned against going too far. [Read more »](#)

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Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co.
Natural Resources Defense Council
New York Times Co.
New York University
Planned Parenthood Federation
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MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Media Groups Fight To Undo FCC Ownership Deregulation

Two media organizations have launched a challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's deregulation of its broadcast media ownership rules, telling the Third Circuit that the agency slashed important diversity safeguards without ample justification. [Read more »](#)

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

US Chamber Pushes Gas Tax Hike In Infrastructure Blueprint

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce pitched an infrastructure investment plan Thursday calling for a 25-cent federal gas tax hike, more public-private partnerships and streamlined permitting processes, urging Congress and the Trump administration to advance a meaningful infrastructure bill this year. [Read more »](#)

REAL ESTATE

Santa Monica Defends Rental Law In Airbnb, HomeAway Suit

The city of Santa Monica on Thursday defended an ordinance that requires landlords renting rooms through websites such as HomeAway.com and Airbnb to first register and obtain a license, telling a California federal court that efforts to freeze the law would take away affordable access to a lucrative coastline. [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

Delrahim Says Criminal No-Poach Cases Are In The Works

The U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust chief said Friday that the division has a handful of criminal cases in the works over agreements

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TOTAL SA
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Target Corporation
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Transamerica Corp.
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California Attorney General's Office
California Natural Resources Agency
Congressional Budget Office
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Department of Commerce

by companies not to hire each other's workers, signaling that a focus of the Obama administration is continuing. [Read more »](#)

Judge Won't Set EEOC Schedule On Wellness Program Rules

A D.C. federal judge who recently ordered the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to start over on its rules for workplace wellness programs has walked back his requirement that the agency issue public notice by August for replacement regulations, but said Thursday the existing rules must still be vacated in 2019. [Read more »](#)

Republicans Back Union In Fees Case At High Court

A group of past and present Republican state and local lawmakers along with two dozen former presidents of the Washington, D.C., bar on Friday threw their support behind a union's fight urging the U.S. Supreme Court not to block state unions from making workers cover bargaining costs. [Read more »](#)

CONSUMER PROTECTION

CFPB Acting Head Insists He's Not Out To Destroy Bureau

Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, who is leading the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on a temporary basis despite a court challenge from the bureau's deputy director, insisted Friday that he is not trying to destroy the federal watchdog from within. [Read more »](#)

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

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DOD Sees Bigger Threats As Strategy Turns Away From Terror

The U.S. Department of Defense's new National Defense Strategy unveiled Friday moves the DOD's main focus away from terrorism and back to state-level threats such

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European Union
Executive Office of the President
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
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Hopi Tribe
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as China and Russia, presaging a potential return to a Cold War-like standoff. Read more »

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Analysis

Trade Agencies Will Feel Gov't Shutdown Sting

The shuttering of the U.S. government will have dramatic effects across the vast federal bureaucracy, and the nation's trade apparatus is no exception, with agencies preparing for a considerable hit to ongoing negotiations and the enforcement of U.S. trade laws. Read more »

WTO Sets Deadline For US Dumping-Calculation Changes

The World Trade Organization on Friday said the U.S. has until Aug. 22 to alter its calculation methods for anti-dumping duties as part of its compliance with adverse rulings made in a dispute with China at the global trade body. Read more »

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No Proof Yet That Tax Cuts Have Boosted US Economy

The flood of bonuses and wage-increase announcements from retailers, banks and manufacturers can't be held as a testament to the Republicans' tax cuts, as analysts remain firm that these well-timed disclosures would have happened even without the recently passed tax legislation. Read more »

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High Court Signals Interest In Hearing 2nd State Tax Case

In the same week the U.S. Supreme Court shocked the tax bar by agreeing to hear the Wayfair case, the court strongly signaled it would consider taking on another state tax

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

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World Trade Organization

case in which federal law enforcement retirees challenge West Virginia's tax laws. Read more »

IRS Issues Guidance On Measuring Overseas Cash Earnings

The IRS issued a notice on Friday, fleshing out more details on how companies can calculate their overseas earnings when they bring them back to the United States under the recently enacted tax overhaul Read more »

BANKRUPTCY

Puerto Rico Hands Over Info On Accounts With \$7B Stash

Officials of Puerto Rico on Friday unveiled a summary of account balances for the debt-ridden territory's various instrumentalities and touted a push for more transparency, amid heightened scrutiny over the recent discovery of nearly \$7 billion in undisclosed funds stashed in government bank accounts. Read more »

IMMIGRATION

Trump Asks High Court To Review Order Maintaining DACA

The Trump administration urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday to "vindicate the law" by leapfrogging over the Ninth Circuit and reviewing a California federal court's temporary pause of the federal government's move to wind down the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Read more »

CBP Violated Court Orders Against Travel Ban: DHS Watchdog

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General released a report Friday revealing that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection was "caught by surprise" when President Donald Trump issued the first travel ban, and that it violated related court orders

that were issued a short time later. [Read more](#)
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Sanctuary City Args Put DOJ On 'Slippery Slope,' Judge Warns

A Seventh Circuit judge hearing arguments Friday over new federal grant rules targeting sanctuary cities seemed to think the U.S. Department of Justice overstepped, calling the government's interpretation of its powers a "slippery slope." [Read more](#) »

Calif. AG Warns Against Illegally Giving Worker Info To ICE

California businesses that illegally share private information about their employees with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents are in violation of two new state laws and could find themselves facing prosecution and fines of up to \$10,000, the state's attorney general said at a Thursday news conference. [Read more](#) »

NATIVE AMERICAN

Feds Want Tribes' Bears Ears Challenge Moved To Utah

The federal government asked a D.C. federal court Thursday to transfer a suit brought by the Hopi Tribe and others alleging President Donald Trump did not have authority to reduce the size of the Bears Ears National Monument, arguing that Utah is a better venue. [Read more](#)
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FCC Urged To Cut Siting Fees For Tribal Broadband

A telecom lobbying group has urged the Federal Communications Commission to rein in charges for siting procedures for broadband infrastructure on tribal lands, saying the fees are a barrier to development. [Read more](#) »

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Rural Advocates Slam FCC's Copper Transition Plan

Public Knowledge and the Center for Rural Strategies assailed the Federal Communications Commission in comments submitted Wednesday accusing the agency's Republican leadership of leaving rural Americans behind as the agency works to accelerate the country's shift from a copper data network to fiber optics. [Read more »](#)

Broadband Bill Deluge Aims To Streamline Rural Deployment

House lawmakers kept up the onslaught of broadband-related bills on Friday, filing several new measures aimed at shoring up resources for internet network expansion, including emergency funding for disaster areas and reduced environmental and historical reviews for certain projects. [Read more »](#)

ACA, Comcast Ask FCC To Codify Cable Add-On Practice

The American Cable Association and Comcast have urged the Federal Communications Commission to bar utility companies from charging broadband providers when they tie additional cables to lines attached to utility poles, arguing that removing such barriers would quicken the expansion of high-speed internet across the country. [Read more »](#)

WHITE COLLAR

Feds Will Retry Menendez On Corruption Charges

Prosecutors said Friday that they plan to retry U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez and a Florida ophthalmologist on corruption charges in New Jersey federal court after a deadlocked jury led to a mistrial last fall. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

New Partnership Audit Regulations Shift IRS Focus

For the first time in 30 years, Congress has passed significant changes to partnership audit rules, enacting the Bipartisan Budget Act. Attorneys must prepare to advise their real estate clients on the best way to address these new rules, which focus on partnerships rather than individual partners, says Julia Turk of Much Shelist PC. [Read more »](#)

Looking Back At The Life Settlements Industry In 2017

While 2017 was a relatively quiet year on the regulatory front for life settlements, Delaware and Florida adopted major legislative reforms that will affect the industry. Adjustments to the federal income tax code at the end of the year also brought some important changes, say Brian Casey and Thomas Sherman of Locke Lord LLP. [Read more »](#)

The Potential Impact Of Taxing Nondisclosure Agreements

Recent tax amendments no longer permit corporations to deduct sexual harassment settlements subject to nondisclosure agreements. However, these provisions will likely have a negligible effect on the number of agreements that are subject to disclosure, reduce the value of settlements paid to victims, and the increased taxes that result will be paid largely by victims of harassment, say Allan King and William Hays Weissman of Littler Mendelson PC. [Read more »](#)

How The Cybersecurity Legal Landscape Changed In 2017

Over the last year, the existential risk posed by cyberattacks and data security vulnerabilities has become one of the top concerns for boards of directors, management, government agencies and the public. 2017 was punctuated by a series of headline-grabbing breaches, fast-moving regulatory developments around the globe, and record-breaking settlements by companies, say attorneys with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Dentons Probing Claims Of Atty's 'Inappropriate Behavior'

Dentons has put on leave one of the partners it absorbed in its October combination with Scottish firm Maclay Murray & Spens LLP while the firm investigates claims of "inappropriate behavior," the firm confirmed Friday. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

How To Set Up A Legal Ops Function

A legal operations function is a significant behavioral change for a law department, and although there isn't a required rubric to follow when establishing one, getting buy-in from executives and the general counsel is crucial from the start. [Read more »](#)

Ex-Dewey Exec DiCarmine Might Represent Self At SEC Trial

Former Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP executive director Stephen DiCarmine is considering defending himself against the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's fraud claims at a possible jury trial because of "significant financial issues," his counsel told a Manhattan federal judge Friday. [Read more »](#)

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

The Federal Communications Commission chairman prodded broadcasters to transmit Blue Alerts, Al Jazeera's former general counsel joined DLA Piper in Qatar and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a trio of employment cases. These are some of the stories in corporate legal news you may have missed in the past week. [Read more »](#)

Podcast

Law360's Pro Say: Lawyer Sold You Out? Tell The Justices

On the latest episode of Law360's Pro Say podcast, the team discusses whether an

attorney can go against the wishes of his client as part of trial strategy, cases filed against the rollback of net neutrality, two new big cases that the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear, and a former "Jersey Shore" star who changed his signature GTL to "gym, tax evasion, laundry." [Read more »](#)

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week. [Read more »](#)

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Prosecutors gearing up for the retrial of U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez and a Florida eye doctor face the difficult task of beating the defense that the two men were longtime friends and convincing a jury that they engaged in a bribery scheme without any "smoking gun" evidence, attorneys say. [Read more »](#)

= 9 **Justices Say Clean Water Rule Suits Belong In District Courts = 9**

The U.S. Supreme Court held Monday that challenges to an Obama-era rule defining the federal government's authority under the Clean Water Act belong at the district rather than



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appellate court level, dealing a blow to executive branch agencies that argued appeals courts were the appropriate venue. [Read more »](#)

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Trump OKs New Tariffs On Solar Cells, Washing Machines

President Donald Trump on Monday approved new tariffs and quotas on imports of solar cells and washing machines, capping a pair of contentious trade battles and marking the first time the U.S. has imposed safeguard restrictions since 2001. [Read more »](#)

Pa. High Court Demands Redo Of Gerrymandered State Map

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court became the latest court to weigh in on partisan gerrymandering Monday, finding that the state's congressional map was unconstitutionally drawn by Republican legislators and giving them until Feb. 9 to submit new boundaries to the governor ahead of this year's midterm elections. [Read more »](#)

DHS Waives Environmental Laws To Construct Border Wall

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced in a Federal Register notice Monday that it is waiving more than 30 environmental laws to swiftly construct a 20-mile border wall in eastern New Mexico, inciting outrage among conservation advocates. [Read more »](#)

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Trump Signs Bill To Reopen Federal Government

President Donald Trump signed a bill to reopen the federal government on Monday, allowing spending through Feb. 8 after a standoff over the weekend. [Read more »](#)

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Analysis

FDIC Nominee To Face Senate Questions But Little Opposition

Jelena McWilliams is likely to face questions about her views on tools to wind down failing giant financial institutions and a host of other issues at her Tuesday confirmation hearing, but her bid to lead the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is expected to proceed without a hitch, experts say. Read more »

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Analysis

= 9 Pa. GOP Reg Rollback May Have Legs Despite Unclear Need

After a set of Pennsylvania Republican legislators recently launched a push for a dramatic regulatory rollback — with environmental enforcement squarely in the crosshairs — aimed at making the state more favorable to business, experts have questioned the need for this initiative but say that anything is possible in a year where politicians could face sharp incentives to make a deal. Read more »

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Justices Reject Solar Co. Suit Over Conn.'s Regulatory Power

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday declined to take up a solar company's appeal challenging Connecticut's program for soliciting renewable energy projects and its renewable portfolio standard, leaving in place a Second Circuit decision that said the state did not infringe on the federal government's powers. Read more »

High Court Won't Hear Bearded Seal Listing Dispute

The U.S. Supreme Court declined Monday to take up efforts to overturn the National Marine Fisheries Service's decision to list a Pacific bearded seal population as threatened, shooting down requests for review by oil and

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gas groups, the state of Alaska, an Alaska Native regional corporation and others. Read more »

Exxon Climate Speech Claims Are Empty, AGs Say

ExxonMobil has provided no plausible evidence that climate change probes launched by the attorneys general of New York and Massachusetts amount to a politically motivated conspiracy to deprive the oil giant of its free speech rights on climate issues, the prosecutors told a New York federal judge Friday. Read more »

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Analysis

Where Things Stand On The Biggest P3 Transpo Projects

The Trump administration's reluctance to shoulder most of the costs for state or local transportation infrastructure projects has increased the pressure on governments to look to private industry to get some of the nation's most crucial projects financed, built and delivered, experts say. Read more »

DC Circ. Skeptical Of UPS' Claims In Shipping Cost Dispute

UPS faced stiff resistance from a D.C. Circuit panel in oral arguments Monday as the package shipper tried to deliver convincing arguments against new federal rules governing what shipping costs the U.S. Postal Service can pass on to consumers. Read more »

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1st Circ. Tosses Unions' Challenge To RI Pension Changes

The First Circuit on Monday nixed a lawsuit in which unions representing firefighters and

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police officers employed by the city of Cranston, Rhode Island, challenged modifications to state-run pension plans for government employees on the grounds that they rescinded their members' contractually owed retirement benefits. Read more ½ B

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California's OSHA Passes New Housekeeper Injury Rules

California's health and safety watchdog agency has created new rules intended to reduce injuries that hotel housekeepers often sustain from carrying overly heavy loads, as well as new protections against sexual harassment and assault, according to hospitality workers union Unite Here. Read more »

1st Circ. To Rehear Ex-Maine Speaker's Suit Against Gov.

The full First Circuit said Friday it will reconsider the dismissal of former Democratic Maine House Speaker Mark Eves' lawsuit accusing Republican Gov. Paul LePage of threatening to withhold state funding from a nonprofit that operates a school for at-risk children after the nonprofit hired Eves as its president. Read more »

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Watchdog Sues OSHA, Says It Shields Injury, Illness Info

Watchdog group Public Citizen announced Monday that it has sued the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for illegally withholding from public disclosure records about workplace injuries and illnesses that businesses were required to submit under an Obama-era regulation. Read more »

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

USTR Raps China, Russia For Flouting WTO Rules = 9

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative released two reports on Friday showing that

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China and Russia have not abided by World Trade Organization rules, with the agency saying in the report on China that there are "serious problems" with China's trade regime. Read more »

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California Dems Propose 10% State Tax On Corporate Income

California Democrats have presented a constitutional amendment to impose a 10 percent surcharge on corporations with more than \$1 million in net income to the state Assembly, with the purpose of spreading the benefits of the federal corporate tax cut among California's residents. Read more »

IMMIGRATION

DOL Maneuvers To Handle Surge In H-2B Visa Requests

The U.S. Department of Labor will amend its procedures for processing H-2B visa applications this year, following what the agency called an "unprecedented" number of certification bids it received on Jan. 1, according to a notice to be published Tuesday in the Federal Register. Read more »

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Trump Campaign Ad Blames Dems For Immigrant Crimes

= 9 President Donald Trump's re-election campaign unveiled a new ad on Saturday calling Democrats "complicit" in murders committed by immigrants living in the U.S. without legal permission, amid Congress' efforts to reach a compromise on immigration legislation and end the government shutdown. Read more »

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U.S. Supreme Court

Feds Tell 10th Circ. Tribe Can't Rely On Fracking Decision = 9

The federal government urged the Tenth Circuit on Monday to reject the Ute Indian Tribe's bid to preserve a lower court ruling that the government didn't have the authority to apply a 2015 fracking rule to tribal land, saying the tribe shouldn't be able to rely on the lower court decision to fight future potential rulemaking on fracking. Read more »

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Industry Asks FCC To Revise Broadband Subsidy Terms

= 9 Telecom industry groups have urged members of the Federal Communications Commission to reconsider the draft terms of an auction for subsidies to expand rural broadband infrastructure, saying the current draft uses a faulty model that could push potential bidders out of the running. = 9 Read more »

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Satellite Broadband Cos. Want FCC To Include Them In Review

A pair of satellite broadband providers have urged the Federal Communications Commission to include their internet services in its nationwide survey of broadband deployment, accusing advocacy organizations of using "misinformation" to suggest their networks lack the capabilities to be considered in the commission's annual review. Read more »

Telecoms Conditionally Back Emergency Alert Updates

The CTIA and some of its member telecom companies, including AT&T, Qualcomm, Sprint and Verizon, are throwing their conditional support behind updates to the Wireless Emergency Alerts system, cautioning that they

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

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shouldn't be allowed to overburden industry, according to ex parte notices to the Federal Communications Commission posted Monday. [Read more »](#)

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Pa. Mayor Sold Contracts For Campaign Cash, Jurors Told

A federal prosecutor kicked off the corruption case against the mayor of Pennsylvania's third-largest city on Monday as he told jurors during opening arguments about alleged efforts to extort campaign contributions from potential donors, including law firms Stevens & Lee PC and Dilworth Paxson LLP, in exchange for government contracts. [Read more »](#)

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= A NY DAs Urged To Slash Campaign Donations From Attorneys

New York district attorneys should be "blind" to their campaign-donors and dramatically lower the cap on contributions from lawyers with cases before their offices, according to a Monday report from Columbia Law School. [Read more »](#)

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John Beahn Joins DLA Piper's Telecom Practice In DC

DLA Piper announced last week that it's snagged a Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP telecom expert to join its Washington, D.C., office as a partner, as part of the firm's continuing bid to bolster its intellectual property and technology practice. [Read more »](#)

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The Next Shutdown: How Gov't Contractors Can Prepare

The short-term spending bill signed on Monday ended the nearly three-day government shutdown, but it is unlikely to put an end to shutdown politics for good, or even for long. Participants in the federal market should review the challenges presented by shutdowns and be ready for what may come, say attorneys with Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP. [Read more »](#)

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How The Climate Changed For Renewables In 2017

= 9 2017 ended, as it began, with much uncertainty for renewable energy, as the Trump administration continued to move against the Clean Power Plan. But key renewable energy objectives advanced at the state level, and tax reform left the production tax credit for wind energy and the investment tax credit for solar developers intact, says Brook Detterman of Beveridge & Diamond PC. [Read more »](#)

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The Challenges Of Marijuana Banking Just Got Bigger

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A series of issuances from the U.S. Department of Justice during the Obama era provided the basis for the only federal guidance on banking services for the marijuana sector. With Attorney General Jeff Sessions' recent rescission of these DOJ memos, the future of the banking guidance is now unclear, says Elizabeth Khalil of Dykema Gossett PLLC. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Ex-Dentons Atty Charged In Extortion Plot Gets 5 Months

A former Dentons associate arrested on felony extortion charges for allegedly downloading confidential information from the firm and threatening to release it unless the firm paid \$210,000 was sentenced by a California federal judge to five months in prison on Monday, months after agreeing to plead guilty to a misdemeanor. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Sedgwick's 'Cautionary Tale' For Other Firms

Sedgwick LLP formally closed its main office last week, leaving behind a scattered partnership stretching from London to California, as well as lingering questions about what could have been done differently. [Read more »](#)

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15 Minutes With The Jacksonville Jaguars' General Counsel

Cassie Sadowitz, general counsel of the Jacksonville Jaguars, speaks to Law360 about what life is like in the team's legal department as the NFL faces political controversies over national anthem protests, and how she approaches explaining complicated legal matters to nonlawyers within the franchise. [Read more = 2](#)

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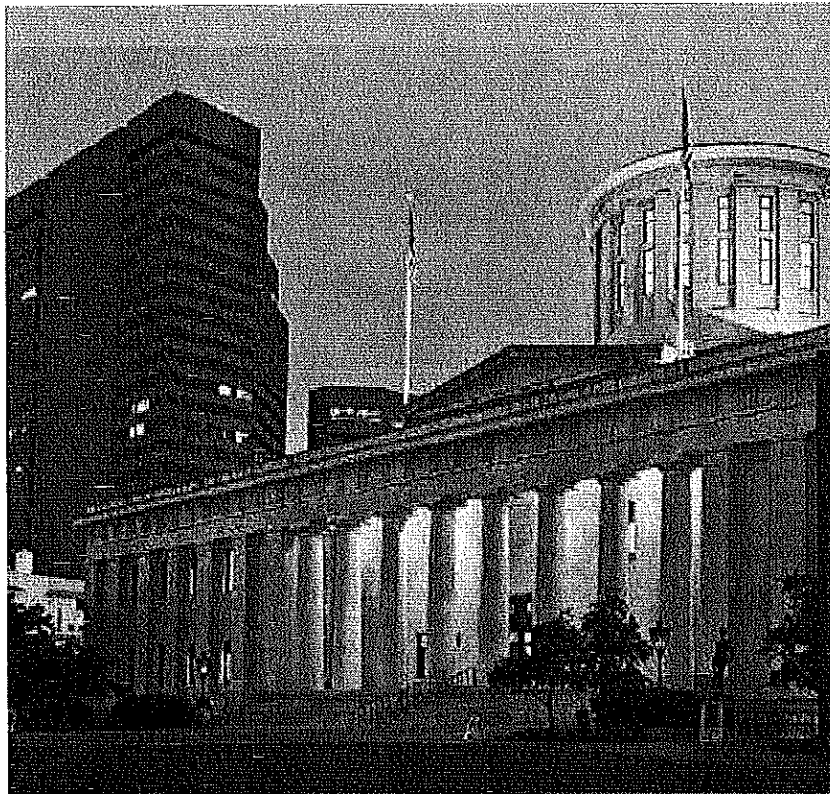
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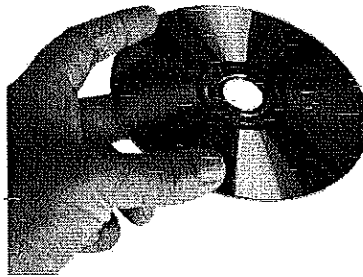
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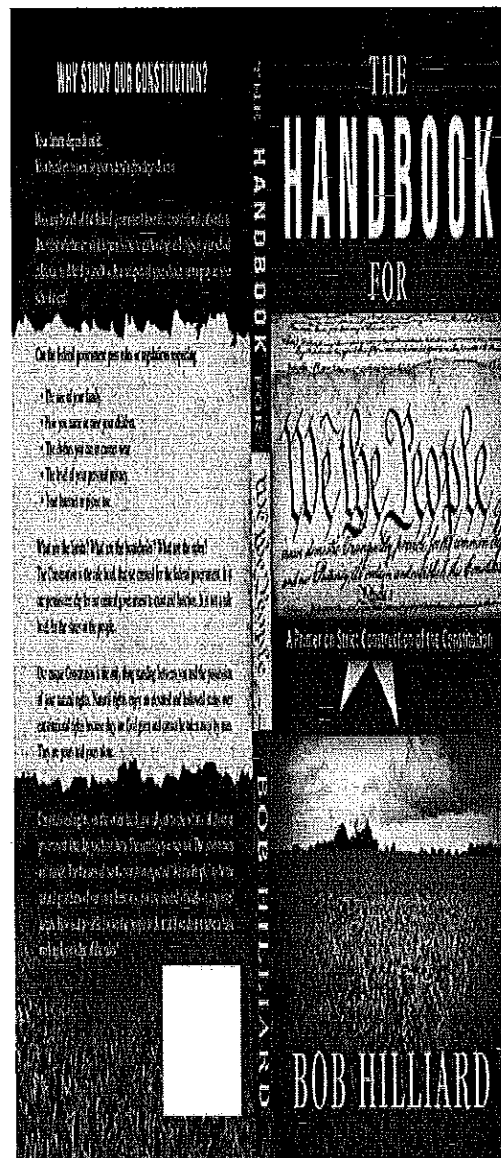
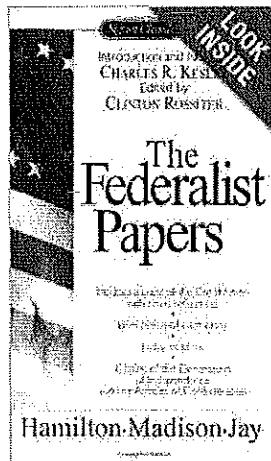
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Our friends at Americans For Prosperity - Ohio asked us to help them promote an upcoming event where Heartland's Lennie Jarratt will be speaking on education.

--Nikki

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Dear Representative Smith,

Walmart has announced that it is significantly expanding maternity and parental leave benefits for its Walmart and Sam's Club associates statewide, providing full-time hourly associates in the U.S. with 10 weeks of paid maternity leave and six weeks of paid parental leave, both at 100 percent of their average weekly wage. Walmart also introduced a new adoption benefit, available to all full-time associates, totaling \$5,000 per child for expenses such as adoption agency fees, translation fees and legal or court costs. The changes place Walmart as one of the leading companies in America when it comes to parental leave.

Additionally, associates in Ohio will soon receive pay increases and bonuses totaling \$12.7M. The increased wages and benefits in Ohio are part of Walmart's Jan. 11 announcement that it is raising the starting wage rate for hourly associates across the country to \$11. Walmart also announced it will provide a one-time cash bonus of up to \$1,000 to eligible associates. The combined wage and benefit changes will benefit the company's more than one million U.S. hourly associates.

Attached is a full copy of the press release, detailing the expanded maternity and parental leave benefits as well as pay increases.

Respectfully,

Erik Hingst

Director

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Walmart to Raise Wages, Provide One-Time Bonus and Expand Hourly Maternity and Parental Leave for Associates in Ohio

More than 1 million associates benefit from combined wage and benefit changes, including more than 30,000 Walmart associates in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Jan. 22, 2018 – Recently, Walmart announced plans to increase the starting wage rate for all hourly associates in the U.S. to \$11, expand maternity and parental leave benefits and provide a one-time cash bonus for eligible associates of up to \$1,000. The company is also creating a new benefit to assist associates with adoption expenses. The combined wage and benefit changes will benefit the company's more than one million U.S. hourly associates, **including approximately 30,687 Walmart associates in Ohio.**

"We are building on investments we've been making in associates, in their wages and skills development," said Doug McMillon, Walmart president and CEO. "It's our people who make the difference and we appreciate how they work hard to make every day easier for busy families."

Associates will continue to hear more from their managers in the coming days about details. But, broadly, associates in Ohio are receiving the following benefits:

- A one-time bonus benefiting all eligible full and part-time hourly associates in the U.S. The amount of the bonus will be based on length of service, with associates with at least 20 years qualifying for \$1,000. **In Ohio, approximately 30,687 Walmart and Sam's Club associates are expected to be eligible for the one-time cash bonus, which is estimated to total \$12,729,150.**
- An increase in Walmart's starting wage rate to \$11 an hour, effective in the Feb. 17, 2018, pay cycle. The change is in addition to wage increases already planned for many U.S. markets in the coming fiscal year. The increase applies to all hourly associates in the U.S., including stores, Sam's Clubs, eCommerce, logistics and Home Office. Approximately 22,159 Walmart and Sam's Club associates in Ohio are expected to receive a wage increase, which is estimated to total more than \$36.9 million. **Walmart's new average hourly wage for full-time associates in Ohio will be \$13.93.**
- An expanded parental and maternity leave policy, providing full-time hourly associates in the U.S. with **10 weeks of paid maternity leave and six weeks of paid parental leave.** Salaried associates will also receive six weeks of paid parental leave.
- Walmart will provide financial assistance to associates adopting a child. The adoption benefit, available to both full-time hourly and salaried associates, will total \$5,000 per child and may be used for expenses such as adoption agency fees, translation fees and legal or court costs.

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The Senate is set to vote next week on the contentious Affordable Care Act repeal measure, a leadership aide said Wednesday, as more groups came out against the embattled legislation. [Read more »](#)

Trump's 10th Circ. Pick Grilled Over Colo. High Court Dissents

President Donald Trump's nominee for the Tenth Circuit faced down questions from a Senate panel on Wednesday ranging from her stance on state power to employment law. [Read more »](#)

Yellen Says Fed Looking At Potential Wells Fargo Sanctions

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen on Wednesday warned that the central bank was looking closely at taking actions against Wells Fargo & Co. for its "egregious and



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Coy On Details, Trump Makes Decision On Iran Nuke Deal

U.S. President Donald Trump said Wednesday he has decided whether to recertify Iran's compliance with a 2015 nuclear deal, as Iranian President Hassan Rouhani blasted him for his "hateful rhetoric" regarding the deal and, more broadly, Iran. Read more »

CFPB Moves To Protect Borrower Info Under Mortgage Law

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on Wednesday proposed changes to the information that lenders will have to provide under a mortgage disclosure law in a bid to protect the identities of borrowers Read more »

Worker, Voting Rights Dominate Panel On Trump Judge Picks

Questions on criminal representation, employment issues and voting maps dominated a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing for four of President Donald Trump's picks for federal judicial vacancies Wednesday, including a pair of BigLaw partners. Read more »

BANKING & SECURITIES

After Nev. HOA Foreclosures Hobbled, Deutsche Prods Suit

Deutsche Bank asked a Nevada federal judge Tuesday to restart its suit accusing a homeowners association of illegally canceling a mortgage the bank was owed, saying the U.S. Supreme Court's effective death knell to such foreclosures clears the way for the case to continue. Read more »

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Eight states, including California and Massachusetts, accused the U.S. Department of Transportation in California federal court Wednesday of dragging its feet on the implementation of greenhouse gas performance measures for national highways. [Read more »](#)

Fed. Court Can't Hear Oil Well Spat Against Ill., Judge Says

An Illinois district judge on Wednesday tossed an oil well operator and waste transporter's suit against the state's environmental regulator seeking a guarantee it could inject acid into its underground wells without getting fined, saying the 11th Amendment bars a federal court from hearing claims against a state. [Read more »](#)

Feds Must Face Enviro Suit Over Wash. Coastal Runoff

A federal district judge Tuesday allowed a suit from an environmental group that claimed the federal government failed to force Washington state to control pollution runoff in coastal watersheds to move forward, refusing to dismiss most of the claims in the case. [Read more »](#)

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

FBI Agent Says Menendez Did Not Disclose Doctor's Gifts

Sen. Bob Menendez did not report the private jet rides and other gifts provided to him by a Florida ophthalmologist on annual financial disclosure forms as part of what prosecutors say was an effort to conceal their bribery scheme, according to testimony Wednesday at the senator's and doctor's trial. [Read more »](#)

Caution In Mixing Methadone, Benzos Can Reduce Risk: FDA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday said that doctors shouldn't withhold opioid addiction medications from patients taking drugs that depress the central

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nervous system, such as sleep aids and muscle relaxers, saying that while the combined use of these drugs is risky, opioid addiction is even worse. [Read more »](#)

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Tenn. Residents Seek Class Cert. In Traffic Debt Dispute

Three Tennessee residents on Tuesday asked a federal judge to certify a proposed class and three subclasses of people who allegedly had their driver's licenses unconstitutionally suspended for failing to pay money owed for traffic violations, arguing that nearly 135,000 people currently can't regain driving privileges just because they're poor. [Read more »](#)

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Analysis

DOL's Proposed Fiduciary Rule Delay Draws 131 Comments

The comment period on the U.S. Department of Labor's proposal to delay parts of its fiduciary rule for retirement account advisers closed Friday, with a chorus of industry stakeholders, investor advocates and think tanks weighing in on what freezing key provisions of the rule until July 2019 might mean. Here, Law360 looks at what financial groups, politicians, individuals and others had to say. [Read more »](#)

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

Analysis

DOD Poised To Take On Bigger Role In Background Checks

Lawmakers are currently considering giving the U.S. Department of Defense direct control over background checks for its own employees and contractors. But even if they don't, the official responsible for background investigations governmentwide told Law360 that the process

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— a perpetual thorn in contractors' side — is likely to change. [Read more »](#)

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As 3rd NAFTA Negotiation Looms, Calls For Change Pour In

Industry groups and lawmakers like U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren have ramped up calls this week for what a new North American Free Trade Agreement should look like, as trade officials from the U.S., Canada and Mexico are set to meet this weekend for a third round of negotiations. [Read more »](#)

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St. Louis Payroll Tax, Development Deals Upheld

The city of St. Louis has the constitutional right to impose payroll taxes and to make special redevelopment deals that are in the public interest, a Missouri appeals court ruled Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

California Sues Over Border Wall Project Waivers

The Trump administration's attempt to waive environmental laws so it can move forward with its border wall project violates the U.S. Constitution and numerous federal and state regulations and should be stopped by a federal court, California argued Wednesday. [Read more »](#)

Migrants Coerced, Denied Rights At US-Mexico Border: Report

The American Immigration Council published a report Wednesday indicating that immigration authorities regularly fail to inform Mexican migrants at the U.S. southern border of their rights, coerce those in custody and neglect to

supply them with their removal documents when they are deported. [Read more »](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN

NJ AG Must Produce Some Docs In Tribe's Suit: Magistrate

A federal magistrate judge has said that New Jersey has to produce certain documents, including various internal memos, sought by the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation in its suit claiming state regulators wrongfully repudiated the tribe's state recognition status. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Global Cos. Say Internet Of Things Botnets Threaten All

The world's largest computer companies have called for a global response to the threats that botnets pose to federal networks and other critical infrastructure, arguing that targets vulnerable to hacking threaten the entire digital ecosystem, the federal agency advising the president on telecommunication policies said. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

History Shows Infrastructure Plans Need Better Oversight

History offers many examples of public construction projects marred by cost overruns, delays and catastrophic failures. As major new infrastructure plans are contemplated, government oversight of public works projects must improve, say Robert Epstein and Jacqueline Greenberg Vogt of Greenberg Traurig LLP. [Read more »](#)

Blurring The Line Between Health Care Provider And Payor

Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, health care providers in markets around the country have started exploring the payor side

of the business by sponsoring health plans. Attorneys with Ropes & Gray LLP examine some of the factors giving rise to this trend and what it might (and might not) mean for health insurance exchanges, smaller providers and the insurance markets generally. [Read more »](#)

Balancing Safety And Innovation In Automated Vehicles

When touting highly automated vehicles, original equipment manufacturers frequently cite the safety benefits. Michael Nelson and Trevor Satnick of Eversheds Sutherland explore how OEMs consider setting their baseline safety metrics for HAVs to determine whether the early adoption of these vehicles is truly as safe a choice as the automotive community claims. [Read more »](#)

What's Next For North Korea Sanctions

On Sept. 11, 2017, in response to North Korea's continued development of an intercontinental ballistic missile program, the U.N. Security Council passed a new round of sanctions. It begs the question of whether sanctions are even effective against the "Hermit Kingdom," says Harry Dixon of Taylor English Duma LLP. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Secret Lives Of Lawyers

Sedgwick's Mara Hsiung Takes To The Air

Mara Hsiung often finds a fresh perspective on her insurance cases while hanging from an aerial hoop, spinning through Cirque du Soleil-like feats that have won her national acrobatics awards. Just don't ask her to plan her next routine without Word and Excel. [Read more »](#)

Trump Fed. Judge Pick Says Trans Kid Part Of 'Satan's Plan'

A Texas federal judicial nominee referred to a transgender child as evidence of "Satan's plan," defended conversion therapy and compared same-sex marriage to marrying a pet or a tree in a 2015 lecture to a group of pastors, a video unearthed Wednesday shows. [Read more »](#)

Justice Ginsburg Traces Road To 'Flaming Feminist Litigator'

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg told first-year law students in an address Wednesday that she rode the wave of the women's movement, which in the 1970s was "coming alive all over the world," as she solidified her reputation as a successful litigator fighting for women's rights. [Read more »](#)

Squire Patton Boggs The Latest To Bump UK First-Year Pay

Squire Patton Boggs LLP confirmed on Wednesday that it was joining a flurry of firms raising salaries for their United Kingdom attorneys, boosting salaries for those in London and its regional offices alike. [Read more »](#)

Global 20: Squire Patton Boggs

Squire Patton Boggs continued to demonstrate the dominance of its global platform in recent months, handling cross-border matters involving hundreds of millions of dollars and nabbing high-profile hires such as former Speaker of the House John Boehner to once again land among Law360's Global 20. [Read more »](#)

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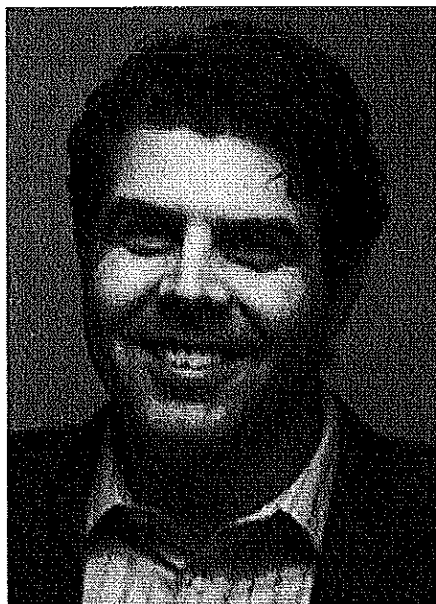
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ACA Repeal Would Destabilize Individual Markets, Experts Say

The latest Republican health care reform proposal would push more upheaval on an already unstable individual insurance market, experts said, pushing out smaller providers and giving those large enough to weather the storm a compliance headache through 50 new sets of state rules. [Read more »](#)

SEC Unveils Guidance On Pay-Ratio Rule Compliance

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission released guidance Thursday advising companies on how to comply with controversial new pay-ratio rules designed to illustrate difference between the pay of chief executives and median employees in a manner the agency says is flexible and less costly. [Read more »](#)



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EU Seeks To Tax Online Businesses Where Profits Are Earned

The European Union's competition watchdog launched an agenda Thursday seeking agreement among the bloc's member countries to tax digital businesses where they earn profits, regardless of their physical location. [Read more »](#)

10th Circ. Slams Door On BLM Fracking Rule Litigation

The Tenth Circuit on Thursday tossed litigation challenging an Obama-era federal rule that strengthened hydraulic fracturing regulations on federal and Native American lands, saying it was pointless to proceed in light of the Trump administration's decision to rescind the rule. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

SEC Failed To Heed Warnings Of Weak Cyber Defenses

A July government watchdog report warned the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that it had not fully put in place a system for monitoring cyber intrusions on its financial systems, even as the hack of a key electronic filing system for public company disclosures, which was revealed Wednesday, may have enabled insider trading. [Read more »](#)

AG Sessions Warns Of Rising Crime During Boston Visit

Attorney General Jeff Sessions told an audience of prosecutors and law enforcement officials in Boston on Thursday that a rising tide of violence in America threatens to undo decades of crime-fighting progress. [Read more »](#)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

States, Province Want High Court To Nix Water Transfer Rule

A coalition of seven states and a Canadian province have asked the U.S. Supreme Court

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to overturn a Second Circuit ruling that upheld a U.S. Environmental Protection Act rule exempting some water transfers from Clean Water Act review, saying that decision found ambiguity in the law when it wasn't there. [Read more »](#)

USDA's 'Roadless Rule' Passes Muster, Court Finds

A D.C. federal judge on Wednesday rejected Alaska's long-running challenge to a rule put in place by former President Bill Clinton's administration limiting the number of roads built in national forests, finding that the U.S. Department of Agriculture hadn't overstressed its authority in creating the limitation. [Read more »](#)

Industry Groups Sue FWS To Delist Endangered Beetle

Nonprofit and industry groups filed suit in Oklahoma federal court on Thursday against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service arguing that it hadn't addressed a petition to remove the American burying beetle from the endangered species list in a timely fashion and must do so. [Read more »](#)

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Analysis

Oil Cos., Transporters Embrace Jones Act Waiver After Irma

The U.S. government's temporary easing of restrictions on foreign-flagged vessels moving goods between U.S. ports after Hurricane Irma was a rare opening for energy producers and transportation and logistics companies to control their costs when demand for fuel is high following a natural disaster, experts say. [Read more »](#)

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Senate Dems Float State 'Right-To-Work' Ban

A group of Senate Democrats led by Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts unveiled legislation Wednesday that would block states from enacting so-called right-to-work laws, which bar agreements between employers and unions that require union membership and mandate union dues as a condition of employment. [Read more »](#)

Senators Slam Labor Secretary Acosta Over OSHA Handling

Eight progressive senators wrote to Labor Secretary Alex Acosta Wednesday to express "deep concern" with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration under his watch, pressing him to announce a "highly qualified nominee" to head the U.S. Department of Labor office charged with protecting workers on the job. [Read more »](#)

RETAIL & E-COMMERCE

Bed Bath & Beyond Wins Refunds Over Unclaimed Certificates

Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. scored a victory Thursday when a New Jersey state appeals court found that the retailer was owed refunds for payments to the state for certain unclaimed merchandise return certificates, saying the remittances either should not have been made or they were made prematurely. [Read more »](#)

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

\$70B Not Enough To Make Afghan Military Self-Sufficient

Despite the U.S. spending \$70 billion on security training, the Afghan military is still a long way from being self-sufficient, the chief watchdog for Afghanistan reconstruction said Thursday, pointing to issues such as poor preparation and politically set deadlines for readiness. [Read more »](#)

National Indian Gaming Association

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Lawmakers Bash GAO Report Clearing \$418M Aircraft Deal

A pair of House Republicans are dissatisfied with a Government Accountability Office report that found a \$418 million sole-source contract to supply surveillance aircraft to Kenya was aboveboard, according to media reports. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Trump Lines Up Bank-Targeted North Korea Sanctions

U.S. President Donald Trump said Thursday that his administration will impose new sanctions on any international banks or other companies that conduct business with North Korea, a move aimed at curbing the country's nuclear weapons program. [Read more »](#)

TAX

IRS To Issue Letter Rulings On Tax-Free Distributions

The Internal Revenue Service announced Thursday it will issue rulings on tax questions regarding a corporation's stock distributions under a section of the Internal Revenue Code that allows for tax-free distributions to shareholders in certain circumstances. [Read more »](#)

State & Local Tax Deduction Must Be Preserved, Group Says

After a 30-year hibernation, Americans Against Double Taxation reactivated its membership Thursday and launched a campaign to ensure state and local taxes remain deductible and don't become the victim of sweeping tax reforms being considered in Washington. [Read more »](#)

Ill. Gov. Signs Bill Extending Tax Credits For In-State Biz

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner has signed legislation to overhaul and extend the state's

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Economic Development for a Growing Economy tax credit program, which rewards business hiring in the state. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

Trump Objects To Adding Plaintiffs In Travel Ban Appeal

The Trump administration blasted a bid by groups fighting the president's travel ban at the U.S. Supreme Court to add two new plaintiffs-respondents to the case, arguing in a response Tuesday that the move comes far too late and is unfair to the government. [Read more »](#)

Calif. DACA Suits Move Swiftly To Outpace March Deadline

A California federal judge insisted Thursday on a shortened schedule for several suits challenging the government's planned rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, saying while all sides would prefer congressional action, he wants to issue a ruling before the program's planned March expiration date. [Read more »](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN

AGA Calls For Unity With Native Group On Sports Betting Ban

The American Gaming Association on Thursday asked members of the National Indian Gaming Association to continue working alongside the AGA in its efforts to get the federal prohibition on sports gambling lifted. [Read more »](#)

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Analysis

What You Need To Know About Upcoming FCC Auctions

As demand for spectrum to power internet-connected devices skyrockets and the need to extend broadband service in rural areas emerges as a national priority, both the